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New era of Arab unity
 A communiqué issued Wednesday by the Muslim World League Constituent Council expressed hope that the decisions made during the Fes summit would result in Arab unity and solve a number of problems now plaguing the Muslim world. — Page 2

Ali Nasser in Moscow
 South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad, who is on a visit to Moscow, Wednesday met with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and the two men had "in-depth exchange" on the Middle East situation. — Page 4

Grace the compassionate
 Princess Grace of Monaco, who dropped a glittering career as one of Hollywood's biggest film stars to marry Prince Rainier, is "remembered as a compassionate and gentle lady who had a deep and abiding affection for her adopted country and people." — Page 7

Paris to defend franc
 French President Francois Mitterrand committed himself to defending the franc on foreign exchanges as his government announced a \$4 billion 10-year syndicated loan to back the currency. — Page 11

Aston Villa takes lead
 Defending champions Aston Villa of England scored a fluent 3-1 victory over Besiktas of Turkey in the European Champions' Cup first round, first leg soccer match played behind closed doors. — Page 13

Lambsdorff pledge
 The West German left-liberal coalition of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt "still stands in its previous form" after a crisis cabinet meeting. Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff pledges his loyalty to government policy in response to Schmidt's severe attack. — Page 16

Arafat meets pope

VATICAN CITY, Sept. 15 (AP) — PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat met with Pope John Paul II for 20 minutes at the Vatican Wednesday, officials reported.

Arafat was accompanied by Ahmad Soukri Dajani and Hana Nasser, both members of the PLO's executive committee. The pope arrived seven minutes after the PLO delegates entered the room, greeted the three and sat down alone with Arafat, the officials said.

The 10-car motorcade drove up the Cobblestone Lane and into the Perugino Gate at 4:28 p.m. (1428 GMT). At 5:03 p.m. (1503 GMT), Arafat's car sped out of the Vatican. A smiling Arafat flashed a victory sign as he left the Vatican.

Earlier, Arafat blamed Israel for the assassination of Lebanon's president-elect and said the Israeli move into West Beirut violated the U.S.-negotiated agreement for the withdrawal of PLO fighters from the city.

Arriving in Rome on a major diplomatic initiative, Arafat said Bashir Gemayel's assassination was "the continuation of the Israeli plan against Palestinian and Lebanese people, particularly Lebanese people." After a brief welcoming ceremony at Ciampino Military Airport, Arafat told a press conference that the killing was "an attempt to strike at Lebanese reconciliation and to offer a justification for the continuation of the Israeli occupation of Lebanon." Referring to the news that Israeli troops entered West Beirut, Arafat said the Israeli move went completely against the agreements that led to the withdrawal of PLO forces from the city.

"When we left Beirut, there was an agreement and especially after they had been defeated despite their attempts, despite 17 attacks to invade the city, and they had failed," Arafat said.

"We had this agreement through the Lebanese government and through Philip Habib," he said, referring to the U.S. presidential envoy.

Twenty ambassadors from Arab and Third World countries were on hand to greet Arafat as well as Greek Catholic archbishop Hilarion Capudji, a Syrian-born priest who spent three years in an Israeli prison for smuggling guns to Palestinians.

Before leaving Tunis for Rome, Arafat said the PLO played no part in the assassination.

Later, addressing the annual meeting of the Interparliamentary Union, Arafat urged Israel to "return to its senses" and negotiate for a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict.

Bashir Gemayel assassinated

New crisis in Lebanon Israel invades W. Beirut

BEIRUT, Sept. 15 (Agencies) — Bashir Gemayel, the Christian military leader whose election as president of Lebanon caused an uproar, was assassinated Tuesday in a bomb explosion, Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan announced.

"This terrible crime that took the life of the president-elect is a link in the conspiracy against Lebanon which we have been working to end," he told local reporters at his home.

(Gemayel's profile and news analyses on page 6)

Police said the explosive charge weighed 300 kilograms (660 pounds) and was planted at the rear side of the building with a timing device set to go off 10 minutes after Gemayel's scheduled arrival at the site. "The president-elect had called his party aides to the meeting to urge a peaceful turnover of Phalangist security duties in East Beirut to the Lebanese Army and police as part of the ongoing security plan to reunify the Lebanese capital," said a police statement.

"In the course of his lecture, the explosive charge went off and the two top stories of the building collapsed over the ground floor, where the president-elect was addressing the party's administrative and security officers of East Beirut," according to the statement.

The death of the 34-year-old president-elect darkened the already uncertain future of Lebanon, which has not known true peace since the 1975-76 civil war in which Gemayel made his reputation as an unyielding military leader.

The chief hope of Gemayel's presidency was that he would be a strong president who could unify the country and bring about withdrawal of opposing Israeli and Syrian armies from Lebanon. Gemayel was the only candidate for the presidency, and there are no obvious successors.

Many of his foes, however, insisted Gemayel would plunge the country back into the violence it's known since the civil war. Gemayel and his father Pierre, founder of the Phalangist Party, were involved in blood feuds with other Maronite families. Muslims and Lebanese Nationalists questioned his leadership because of the role his militiamen took in supporting the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Soon after the 4 p.m. (1400 GMT) blast, there was jubilation in East Beirut over initial reports that Gemayel had survived the explosion virtually unscathed. Militia fighters fired guns in the air in celebration. Witnesses at the scene in the Ashrajeh neighborhood reported seeing the youthful leader walk from the building, and the "Voice of Lebanon" radio station of the rightists even quoted him as saying, "I'm all right. Thank God, this incident has passed."

"It's a miracle he survived," said one

woman who claimed to have seen Gemayel emerge from the rubble an hour after the explosion.

Sources in the Phalangist Party said Gemayel's family went to the hospital where he was reported taken for treatment of bruises. Then when they didn't find him, they began going to other hospitals. The sources said Gemayel's body was pulled from the wreckage about 5 1/2 hours after he was reported seen alive and the body was then identified by the family with the aid of his

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nationalist positions afire. Associated Press correspondents reported.

Muslim leaders met in an emergency session at elder statesman Saad Salam's mansion and fired off urgent appeals to U.S. President Ronald Reagan and King Fahd to "intervene and curb the Israeli invasion." Lebanon's state television reported.

The sudden Israeli push rekindled Muslim fears that Israel's ultimate objective in Lebanon is to divide up this Mediterranean nation of three million inhabitants between the Jewish state and neighboring Syria.

The Israeli command claimed the West Beirut push was staged to "prevent fighting and secure peace" in the wake of Gemayel's assassination. "These justifications have been conveyed to me by President Reagan's new envoy to the Middle East Morris Draper, who is now in Israel," declared Lebanon's Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan. "But I have told Draper these justifications are unacceptable and he promised to follow the matter up."

Wazzan told Draper the Israeli advance into West Beirut was a violation of the Aug. 12 U.S.-sponsored ceasefire and the U.S. negotiated agreement under which the PLO was evacuated from West Beirut.

The prizes of the advance were the Israeli seizure of essential control of the Fakhani neighborhood that housed the PLO's administrative nerve center and Chairman Yasser Arafat's headquarters for last 12 years, as well as the seaport and the much of West Beirut's coastal shoreline.

At the Western entrance to Beirut port, a visible force of about 100 Israeli infantrymen backed by armored vehicles had taken up positions that the U.S. marine peacekeeping force turned over to the Lebanese Army about a week ago, AP's Steven Hindy reported from the scene.

When the Israelis began moving about 2:30 p.m. (1230 GMT), the Lebanese Army quickly cleared out of the only position they held between the Israelis and the nationalist militias, a rag-tag group wearing uniforms of all styles.

Four kilometers inland at Fakhani, AP's G.G. Labelle found women and children fleeing the streets as Israeli rocket grenades slammed into buildings, emptying the area except for nationalist militiamen heading toward the action.

Bullets from the Israeli forces could be seen skipping along the streets, and the militiamen, from behind sandbags on one side of the square, returned fire, their bullets tearing up the branches of trees overhead.

As the Israeli ground thrust got under way, Israeli jets howled overhead in low-flying reconnaissance passes during the day. Two warships were seen off the Beirut coast surrounded by what looked like a cluster of amphibious landing craft facing the ocean-side Rouché neighborhood.

Deputy White House Press Secretary Larry Speaks said in Washington the United States was pressing Israel to refrain from actions that could increase tension in Lebanon in the wake of Gemayel's assassination. Speaks said the Israelis have assured the Reagan administration that their military moves were "limited and precautionary."

King receives Niger message

JEDDAH, Sept. 15 (SPA) — King Fahd Wednesday received a written message from Niger's President Seyni Kountché.

The message was delivered to the King by Niger's Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Minister Daouda Diallo. The audience was attended by Crown Prince Abdullah.

2 Yemens to hold energy parleys

MANAMA, Sept. 15 (AP) — South Yemen's oil and industry chief, Abdul Kader Bajmal, arrived in North Yemen Tuesday amid reports of unpublicized oil discoveries in common offshore areas.

The Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency, in a report from the North Yemeni capital of Sanaa, said he will be holding talks on "coordination in geological mapping of water and mineral resources" in the two Yemens.

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Loading normal, claim Iranians

LONDON, Sept. 15 (R) — Iran said Wednesday normal loading operations were continuing at its main oil terminal on Kharg Island despite Iraqi efforts to halt Iran's crude oil exports.

In a despatch from the island, the national news agency Ina stated that there had been no interruption of the oil flow to tankers carrying Iranian crude. Ina said four giant tankers left the terminal Tuesday. *Song*, with a capacity of 375,000 tons, *World Victoria* with a cargo of 225,000 tons, *King Agamemnon*, carrying 111,000 tons and *Laconia*, with 104,000 tons of crude oil. They were heading for Western Europe, North Korea, Turkey and North Western Europe.

The agency said 15 other tankers were at Kharg to carry oil. On an average, several tankers arrive at the island every day and eight more tankers would call for crude by next week, it said. The report is designed to alleviate fears about Iraqi attacks on the Iranian oil terminal. Iraq said Tuesday its aircraft attacked installations at Kharg, scoring direct hits.

Tehran radio Wednesday interviewed captains of several oil tankers at Kharg who said they had faced no problem sailing to the island. One of the captains, K. Karabaklas of Greece, said: "This is the third time I have come to the island and I never feel any danger."

Sarkis may be asked to continue

BEIRUT, Sept. 15 (AFP) — Lebanon's parliament could be in theory convene immediately to elect a successor to President-elect Bashir Gemayel, who was killed by a bomb blast Tuesday.

But the likely difficulties in agreeing on his replacement might result in extending the term of outgoing President Elias Sarkis temporarily, some analysts predict.

The choice of a conservative candidate to replace Gemayel might depend on the results of the bomb investigation. If one of the factions that reluctantly backed him were to be implicated in the bombing, it is doubtful the rival factions could reforge enough unity to elect a successor.

Many nationalist and Islamic members of parliament boycotted the session that elected Gemayel Aug. 23, with the result that the necessary quorum was barely reached.

Under these conditions, parliament might prefer extending President Sarkis' term, which expires Sept. 23.

Blow to U.S. peace bid

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (Agencies) — The death of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel is a stunning blow to U.S. hopes for peace in Lebanon, diplomatic sources said Wednesday.

Several Arab states Wednesday said the killing will bring more violence to the strife-torn nation and prolong the 14-week-old Israeli occupation.

In Washington, President Reagan promised "full support in this hour of need" to Lebanon.

"This promising young leader had brought the light of hope to Lebanon," Reagan said in a statement on the killing of Gemayel. Reagan expressed sympathy for the Lebanese people and government and Gemayel's family. "The tragedy will be all the greater if men of goodwill in Lebanon and in countries friendly to Lebanon permit disorder to continue in this war-torn country," Reagan said.

"This must not happen. The United States government stands by Lebanon with its full support in this hour of need."

The White House issued the following statement: "The news of the cowardly assassination of Bashir Gemayel is a shock to the American people and to civilized men and women everywhere. This promising young leader had brought the light of hope to Lebanon. We condemn the perpetrators of this heinous crime against Lebanon and against the cause of peace in the Middle East. Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Bashir Gemayel and their son, the entire Gemayel family, to President Elias Sarkis, to his government, and to the people of Lebanon."

The Soviet Union charged that Israel intended to use the death of Gemayel to expand its "aggression" in the country. Tass said in a report from Beirut that Israel now intended to expand "aggressive actions against Lebanon, in particular against the

western part of the Lebanese capital, and for consolidating the occupation of the country."

India, reacting to the assassination of Gemayel, repeated its call for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon as well as an end to destruction and killings. An official spokesman said in New Delhi although Gemayel was a controversial figure, the continuing cycle of destruction and killings in Lebanon was most regrettable. "We are all committed to a united, sovereign and coaligned Lebanon," he said, adding that

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Who was behind the murder?

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP) — The killing of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel Tuesday served Israeli plans to take West Beirut and strengthen their occupation of South Lebanon, the London representative of the PLO said Wednesday.

Palestine Liberation Organization envoy Nabil Ramlawi said in a statement: "Firstly, the bomb attack which killed Gemayel took place in an area in which Phalangist militias and the Israeli occupation forces maintain the tightest security. It would be impossible for other groups to enter the area and plant the bomb which killed Gemayel, and I do not believe that the Phalangists could be accused of killing their own leader."

"However, the killing will be used to justify the Israeli plan to take West Beirut, and to prolong the military occupation over Lebanon as a whole. The killing of Gemayel serves Israeli interests without any doubt."

New U.S. daily appears

SPRINGFIELD, Virginia, Sept. 15 (AP) — USA Today, Gannett Co.'s multi-million dollar attempt to create a national daily newspaper for a general American audience, rolled off rented presses Wednesday against the tide of dead and ailing newspapers.

Shortly after the presses started, upwards of 150,000 copies of *USA Today* were heading for vendors and street boxes in Washington, Baltimore and portions of Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Next week, the paper should be available in Atlanta, Georgia, with Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Pittsburgh set to follow in successive weeks. By next April, the Gannett Co. plans to add ten more cities.

Princess Grace of Monaco passes away

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, Sept. 15 (Agencies) — The body of Princess Grace of Monaco was placed in the palace Wednesday so that her subjects could pay their respects to the former American film star who won their hearts during her 26 years here.

Princess Grace, 52, died Tuesday night from injuries suffered 37 hours before in a car accident with her younger daughter, Princess Stephanie, 17, received minor injuries and was under observation Wednesday at Princess Grace Hospital in Monte Carlo, palace press officials said. Grace died at the hospital bearing her name. The cause of death was listed as an intra-cerebral vascular hemorrhage.

Flags flew at half staff in this Mediterranean principality and a championship soccer game was moved from Monte Carlo as the city mourned the sudden death of their American-born blonde princess.

Prince Rainier III was at his wife's bedside when she died, said Nadia Lacoste, who has been Princess Grace's spokeswoman since a few months after her story book wedding a quarter of a century ago. Also by Grace's deathbed were her two other children —

Princess Caroline, 26, and Crown Prince Albert, 24.

"The princess regained consciousness at some point before her death because she requested that if people were going to send flowers, they be small simple flowers," Mrs. Lacoste said. "She also suggested that people might make donations to her favorite charities in lieu of flowers."

Mrs. Lacoste was unable to say if the princess knew how critical her condition was when she made the recommendations.

Several hundred tourists gathered Wednesday outside the Royal Grimaldi Palace. Guards at the palace wore black arm bands over their white uniforms during the ceremonial changing of the guards.

The guards only would allow Monaco residents into the palace to sign a condolence book.

The funeral has been set for Saturday. Numerous foreign dignitaries are expected to attend the ceremony.

Small groups of tourists lingered around the accident scene Wednesday, some sifting through tangled brush for souvenir debris.

Princess Stephanie, 17, the younger daughter of Princess Grace, is suffering from injuries to the cervical vertebrae sustained in the same accident, informed sources said. The sources said that she had been fitted with a neck brace and would be kept for several weeks for observation.

President Ronald Reagan and entertainer Frank Sinatra were among world personalities to publicly mourn Princess Grace. Reagan said he and his wife, Nancy, were "shocked and deeply saddened" by the news.

"Princess Grace was deeply loved by the people of Monaco because she was a compassionate and gentle lady who had a deep and abiding affection for her adopted country and people," the president said in a statement.

In New York, a spokesman for Frank Sinatra read this statement: "Along with the rest of the world we are stunned, shocked and totally grief-stricken at the news. Grace was a gracious, wonderful woman who was a princess from the moment she was born. We still cannot believe it. Our hearts go out to her husband, her children and her family here in the United States."

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Optimism expressed on Fez summit results

MWL calls for unity among Muslims

MAKKAH, Sept. 15 (SPA) — Hope that the 12th Arab Summit Conference in Fez, Morocco will usher in a new era of Arab unity was expressed Wednesday by the Muslim World League's Constituent Council. In a final communique the group said such closing of ranks would hopefully enable the building of a deterrent power to face the dangers which confront the Arab and Islamic worlds.

Riyadh projects allocated

RIYADH, Sept. 15 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Wednesday chaired meetings of the Higher Committee for the Development of Riyadh and the Higher Committee for the Transfer of the Foreign Ministry and the Embassies to Riyadh.

After the first meeting, Riyadh Mayor Abdullah Al-Naim said that the municipality will invite a number of firms to draw up designs for the land where Riyadh's airport will be abandoned. The committee approved requests by the Retirement Pension Fund and the Interior Ministry to set up housing complexes. It rejected a request by the Saudi Arabian Medical Services Company to bring its buildings up to four stories, like other medical structures.

The second committee approved the allocation of SR250 million for executive projects and SR7 million for design contracts. It commissioned a SR39.9 million contract to a foreign firm for the establishment of kindergartens in the diplomatic quarters here. Another SR102.7 million contract was awarded to a national firm for the first phase of a consultancy coordination project in the diplomatic area. A SR4.793.000 project was given to an international firm to build the cultural center at the new diplomatic district. Finally, a national firm landed a SR1.183.420 contract for planning and designing a fire-fighting station at the area.

Ahmad Al-Salloum, assistant director of the diplomatic district project, said that contracts signed to date by the committee totaled SR1.560.000.000. He added that the figure

The communique said that the assembly session discussed the problems of the Islamic world, foremost among which is the Palestinian cause, the struggle of the Afghan Mujahidins (freedom-fighters) against the impious communists, the Iraqi-Iranian war and other issues. It urged the leaders of Iran and Iraq to respond to the appeal of the worldwide Muslim community to stop "the atrocious war that might lead to foreign intervention in the area." The assembly also hoped that Islamic mediation would continue and that all Muslims will rally around the Book of God (the Holy Quran) and the tradition of the Holy Prophet.

Other topics that came under discussion

included both the design and implementation contracts for the diplomatic quarters and the residential compound for Foreign Ministry officials.



PILGRIMS WELCOMED: Michael O. Masters, left, Philippine deputy minister for Muslim Affairs and Philippine ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and Philippine ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Emilio D. Belas, Philippine Embassy charge d'affaires, at the King Abdul Aziz International Airport Hajj Terminal. The occasion was the arrival of the first group of more than 200 Filipino pilgrims, about 2,000 pilgrims are expected from the Philippines.

during the session included the activities of the league's offices abroad, especially the propagation of Islam, the condition of Muslim minorities throughout the world, the anti-Islamic movements and the league's activities in general. The assembly thanked King Fahd, the custodian of the two Harams, and his able government for its financial and moral assistance to the league.

Ministers propose information policy

ABU DHABI, Sept. 15 (SPA) — A joint Gulf information policy based on Islamic teachings and principles proposed by the Gulf Cooperation Council was suggested Wednesday by information ministers meeting here for a two-day conference. A final statement also suggested that the council's information undersecretaries recommend promotion of coordination between the council states information and foreign ministries.

The meeting delegated the council's general secretariat to prepare a full study on a proposed joint television channel in collaboration with the Gulf television.

The statement said the meeting recommended publication of a joint daily newspaper to be relayed through satellites, running a powerful broadcasting station and a press establishment to prepare foreign information programs.

Other recommendations included limitation on immigration of qualified information cadres and setting up a committee to study the possibility of unifying press censorship departments of Gulf states in cooperation with the council's secretariat, the statement added.

Chinese pilgrims coming

JEDDAH, Sept. 15 (CNA) — The official Chinese pilgrimage mission led by Hajj Mohammed Huan-hung Wu, arrives here Thursday to perform the pilgrimage rites. The 20-member mission sent by the Chinese government will also pay respects to the Saudi Arabian government and people in appreciation of the firm Saudi Arabian support of the Republic of China.

C-130 'flying hospital' efficiently rescues patients in remote areas

RIYADH, Sept. 15 — Saudi Arabia's New C-130 "flying hospital" has proven to be a very efficient vehicle for quick delivery of modern medical treatment to citizens in far-flung locations, according to Major General Rida Khalifa, director of the Saudi Arabian Armed Forces Medical Services.

During its first year of operation, the airborne hospital airlifted over 90 persons for remote sites to central medical centers, according to Khalifa. In addition, numerous emergency operations were conducted at distant spots.

In one outstanding case, General Khalifa personally headed a surgical team from Riyadh Medical Hospital which carried out two emergency cardiac operations at Solayel, 70 miles south of Riyadh. The *Hospital Hercules* flew to Solayel, arriving within two hours following the emergency call, landing on a short gravel strip.

"Both operations went extremely well," stated Dr. Alister Duff, a team member. "It was reassuring to find that the patients were exposed to no extra risk, considering the unusual circumstances. Medical care and equipment on the C-130 equal those of any ground-based hospital."

During the operations, the medical team was in constant radio contact with another team in Riyadh. Monitoring data from the patients fed by radio into the Riyadh hospital. Built by Lockheed-Georgia Company and modified to the hospital configuration by Lockheed Aircraft Service Company, the C-130 was selected for the mission due to its ability to reach remote areas and land on rough terrain. Its high-wing design allows the fuselage to be close to the ground, facilitating the loading of patients and equipment.

First Lieutenant Khaled Al-Hamad recalled airlifting a seriously ill heart patient to England. "We kept in touch with the Riyadh Hospital until just minutes before landing in London," he said.

Saudi Arabia's C-130 "flying hospital" is expected to play a continuing life-saving role in the future, according to Dr. Duff. "In a country like Saudi Arabia, where emergencies can occur in remote areas sometimes inaccessible by road, the hospital airplane can be crucial."

"For instance, by road, it would have taken us 15 hours to reach Solayel," he said. "Whereas from take-off preparation in Riyadh to the start of surgery on the strip at Solayel took only two hours in the C-130. That time difference speaks for itself."



FLYING HOSPITAL: Saudi Arabia's Lockheed C-130 "flying hospital" has now been in operation for more than a year and has proven to be a very efficient vehicle for quick delivery of modern medical treatment to citizens in far flung locations.

BRIEFS

King Fahd makes donation
BEIRUT, (SPA) — King Fahd has donated SR50 million for the reconstruction of schools and educational institutions in Sidon, Tyre and Nabatieh. Sidon Mayor Ahmad Al-Kalash said in a press conference here.

Report Dhul Hijjah moon
RIYADH, (SPA) — The Supreme Judiciary Council has appealed to Muslims to observe the sighting of the Dhul Hijjah moon Thursday night and Friday night. Anyone who observes the moon should contact the nearest court to endorse his observation.

Kaaba washing Saturday
JEDDAH, Sept. 15 (SPA) — Officiating for King Fahd, Makkah Governor Prince Majed will wash the Holy Kaaba Saturday morning. The annual function will be attended by senior officials and ambassadors of Islamic countries.

Naif to tour Makkah
JEDDAH, Sept. 15 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif tours Makkah and the holy places Sunday to inspect new projects completed and preparations by various departments for this year's pilgrimage. Prince Naif will see tunnels, flyovers and expansion

of roads completed recently and are to be used for this year's pilgrimage.

Prince Naif will be accompanied during the tour by Public Security Director Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, Pilgrimage and Endowments Ministry Undersecretary Abdullah Bouges, Communications Ministry Undersecretary Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum and commanders of the Pilgrimage Security Forces.

553,368 pilgrims here
JEDDAH, Sept. 15 (SPA) — The number of pilgrims who arrived by Tuesday crossed the half-million mark, according to Interior Ministry statistics. The 553,368 figure is 50,973 more than the number of pilgrims who reached the country during the same period of last year. Ibrahim Al-Sadhan, undersecretary for passports and civil status, said Wednesday that 416,787 pilgrims arrived by air, 99,424 by land and 37,157 by sea.

Chatti arrives here
JEDDAH, (SPA) — Habib Chatti, organization of the Islamic conference secretary general, arrived here Wednesday after a tour which included Senegal and Guinea. He met there with Senegal President Abdou Diouf and Guinean President Ahmad Sekou Touré.

Prayer Times

Thursday	Makkah	Medinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4:43	4:43	4:14	3:40	4:25	4:54
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:16	12:17	11:48	11:35	11:54	12:29
Asr (Afternoon)	3:41	3:44	3:15	3:03	3:27	3:58
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:24	6:26	5:57	5:45	6:04	6:34
Isha (Night)	7:54	7:56	7:27	7:15	7:34	8:04

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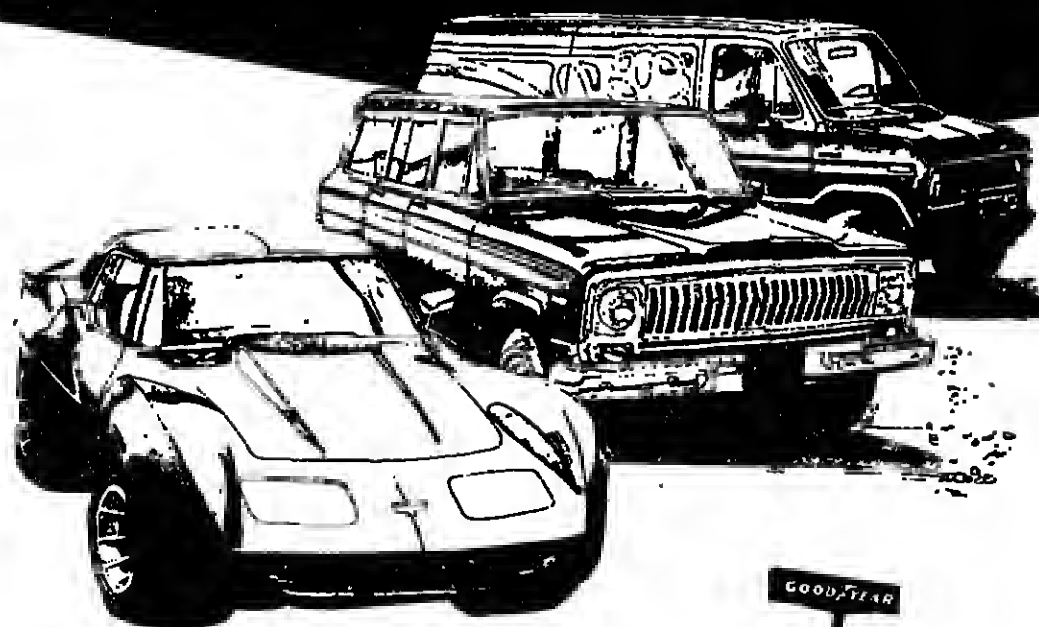
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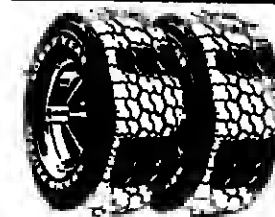
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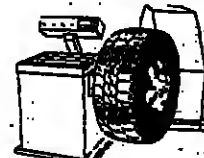
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A-V projection system unveiled by 3M Group

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Sept. 15 — Ahmad & Muhammad Saleh Kaki group of companies have introduced a new audio-visual overhead projection system in the Kingdom and claim it is an effective tool in conveying concepts, facts and figures.

The entire system, developed by the Audio Visual Division of the 3M Group (Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co.) contains overhead projector, transparency maker, lettering system, infra-red film, plain paper copier film, accessories, screen and furniture. It costs around SR10,000, according to Kaki group Sales Representative Abraham Philip.

The Kaki Group has varied activities and an agency agreement with 3M to market

office equipment, including photocopiers and audio-visual items. Philip said 3M combines the best of old business customs and modern techniques and technology. It business philosophy is geared to aggressive marketing, conservative financial activities and long term growth in the Kingdom, he said.

The group organized a seminar for the introduction of this latest techniques, which was sponsored by specialized 3M representatives. Listing the benefits of overhead projection, 3M's International Market Development Manager Robert K. Cuerden said one can use it to present information to any size group in a fully-lighted room and can have better group attention and participation. He said it provides better meeting control and makes it possible to discern group reactions and make on-the-spot changes, if necessary. The information is revealed point-by-point, thereby it controls the pace of the presentation and no one can read ahead.

"It's easy to operate and the most important point is that overhead transparencies can be made quickly and inexpensively either on a transparency maker or any plain paper copier," Cuerden said.

Cuerden said the annual sales by 3M Group averages \$3.5 billion, of which 47 percent is in sales to 56 countries outside the United States. 3M's four main divisions sell nearly 36,000 different products and "we are the only producer in the world offering whole range of the product," he said.

His company will introduce a portable overhead projector of the size of a slim-line briefcase, weighing just 17 pounds, in the Middle East in early 1983, and also a Thermoflex machine providing a pre-framed transparency.

"We are also surveying the market for Arabic lettering system. We have changed the agency to Kaki because they are more professional distributors," said Cuerden.

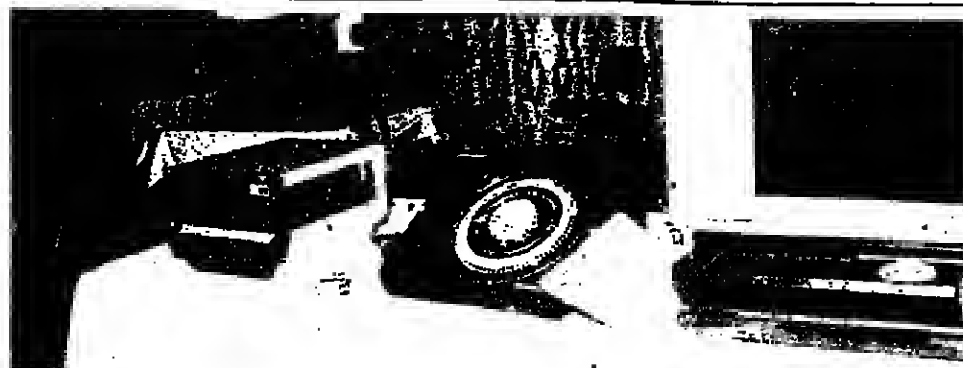


DEMONSTRATION: Robert K. Cuerden, 3M international market development manager demonstrates some of the new audio-visual equipment.

Registration continuing at technical institutes

RIYADH, Sept. 15 (SPA) — The Municipal and Rural Affairs Ministry announced Wednesday that registration is continuing at its technical assistants' institutes in Riyadh, Dammam and Abha for the next academic year. The institutes admit Saudi Arabian and Gulf nationals who possess intermediate school certificates.

The specializations offered by the institutes include surveying, health inspection, construction inspection, road inspection, architectural inspection, water inspection and hydrological inspection. The institutes only accept regular students for the two-year courses. Trainees receive SR675 monthly incentives, boarding, accommodation.



AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT: This 3M system was displayed to businessmen attending a seminar at the Kaki Hotel sponsored by Ahmad & Muhammad Saleh Kaki and includes an overhead projector, transparency maker, lettering system, infra-red film, plain paper copier film, accessories, screen and furniture.

Institute completes its second phase

DAMMAM, Sept. 15 (SPA) — Structures of the second phase of the Dammam Industrial Institute project were completed and handed over to officials recently, the director of the center, Abdul Rahman Al-Lubaykhan said. The structures cover 173,000 square meters and have cost SR300 million.

The structures include an administrative building, a mosque, lecture and meeting halls, a library, classrooms for 700 students and five new laboratories for mechanics, chemistry, physics, English and electricity. They also comprise accommodations for 400 students, a restaurant, a gymnasium and a swimming pool.

Al-Lubaykhan said that another

SR800,000 project was handed over to the center, namely the asphaltting of inside alleys at the center and a storm water drainage network covering 10,000 square meters. The project was carried out over a five month period. A third water desalting project at the center was also completed. It comprised two units producing 61,000 gallons of water daily and cost SR800,000 within a two month period.

The director added that a project for the provision of meals to students who live at the institute had been put to a public tender. Offers will also soon be invited for the operation and maintenance of the institute's modern mechanical and electric equipment.

Financial, political problems

AUB alumni raising funds

By Jean Grant
Alkhorbar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Sept. 15 — Alumni of the American University of Beirut (AUB) have been considering ways and means to help the AUB in its current difficulties and have now launched a fund-raising drive to overcome current operating deficits.

Since its founding in 1866 the AUB has graduated more Arab heads of state and leaders in education, medicine and technology than any university in the region. In its heyday before Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the countries in the Arab Gulf established their own universities, the AUB attracted much of the intellectual cream of the Arab world, from the Maghreb to Arabia.

The university, which has had many problems, both financial and political since the 1967 war, has suffered yet more blows with the Israeli invasion.

Its acting president, David Dodge, who comes from a family associated with the university for three generations, was kidnapped two months ago and has not yet been released. There is growing concern for his safety since promises for his release have not been kept.

The American University Hospital, which serves as a teaching hospital for the faculty of medicine, was hard-hit by Israeli

fire, and according to Dr. A. Abdul Wahab, an AUB alumnus now associated with Alkhorbar's Ash Sharq Hospital, has lost \$1,100,000 during the fighting.

Nicely Hall, the main teaching building for the liberal arts, now echoes to the cries of refugee children rather than scholarly discourse on Ibn Battuta, Hegel and Plato.

West Hall, the Student Union Building, has been turned into a Red Cross Center. The wounded now languish where students used to discuss class notes over coffee.

The campus, picturesquely set on the shore of the Mediterranean, suffered little physical damage. This year, however, more Palestinian and Lebanese students than ever before will need financial aid to continue their studies.

Even before the Israeli invasion all was not well. AUB Today in its April, 1982 issue, forecast a deficit of \$8 million for this year.

In response to the needs of the university, in gratitude for the services offered by its hospital, and with the desire to enable AUB to continue its cultural and humanitarian role, AUB graduates in the Eastern Province are starting a fund-raising drive.

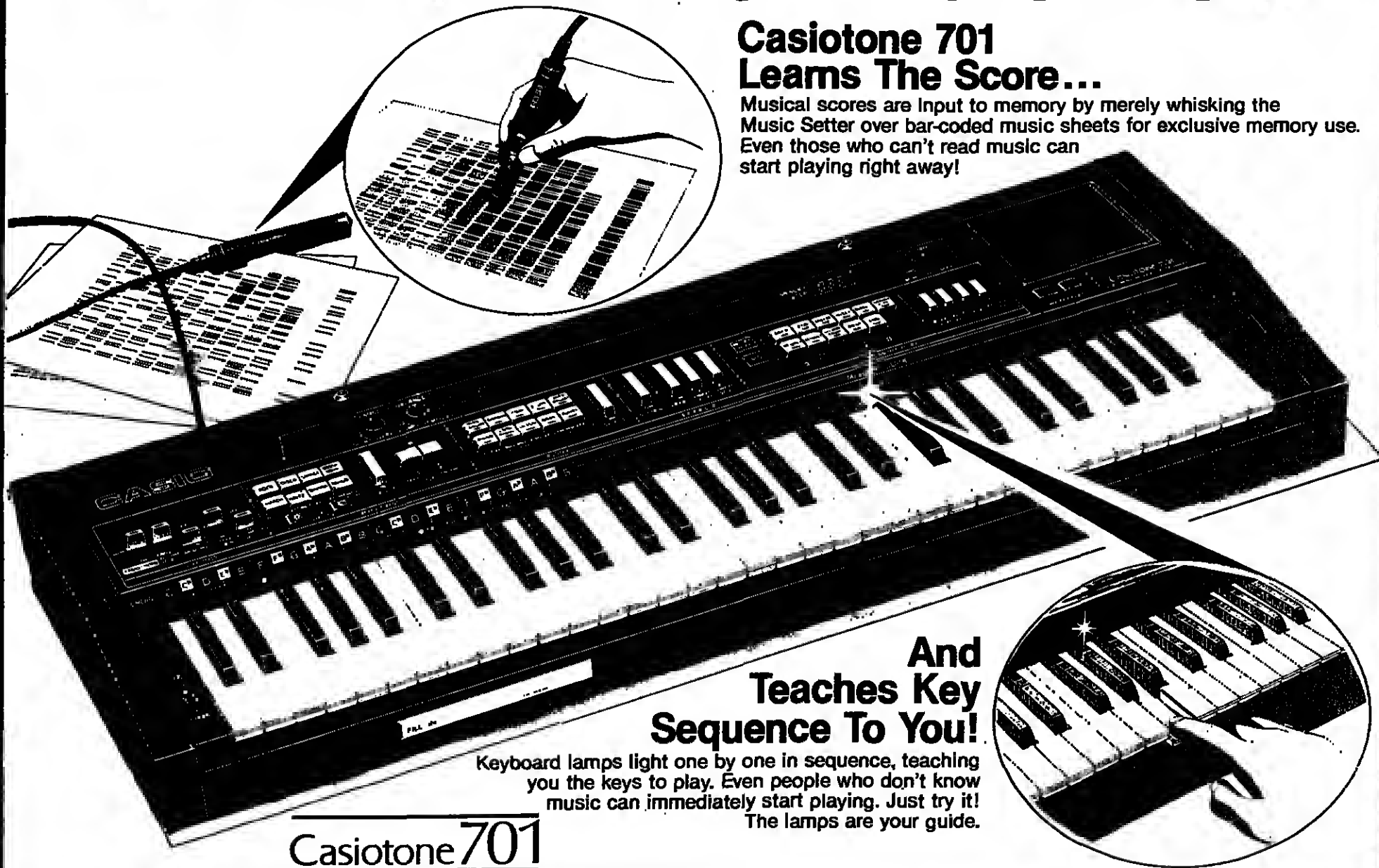
"It is the duty of alumni to get together to do something, no matter how little, in order to show our appreciation to the university," said alumnus Dr. A. Abdul Wahab.

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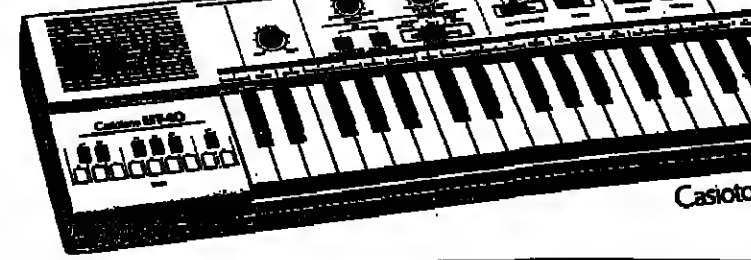
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Ali Nasser, Brezhnev review M.E. crisis

MOSCOW, Sept. 15 (AP) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad called Wednesday for the "unconditional and immediate withdrawal" of Israeli troops from Lebanon, Tass reported.

In an "in-depth exchange" on the Mideast situation at the Kremlin, the two leaders charged that the Israeli invasion of Lebanon to oust the Palestine Liberation Organization was a "joint action" of Tel Aviv and Washington. They said the Israeli aggression had backfired by turning into a "major political and moral defeat" for the Jewish state, the Soviet news agency said.

"Never before has the world seen such widespread sympathy with the cause of the

Palestinian people. Never before has their right to self-determination received such considerable support," said the Tass account of the talks.

Brezhnev said the Soviet Union "further intends to use its possibilities" for giving support to the PLO, Lebanese patriots, Syria and others seeking a just settlement in the Mideast, Tass reported, without giving specifics.

Ali Nasser condemned efforts to discredit Soviet policy in the Mideast, branding this a U.S. plot to remove Moscow's "influence and policy" from the region, Tass said.

The talks, which were held in a "warm, friendly atmosphere," followed Ali Nasser's arrival Tuesday in Moscow on an official visit.

Zia vows to clamp down on terrorism

KARACHI, Sept. 15 (AP) — President Zia ul-Haq has said his government will clamp down on anti-government terrorist activities. Referring to the assassination Monday of Zohoorul Hassan Bhopali, a member of Majlis Shura (parliament), Zia said, "Subversive incidents could in no way deter my government from the course to implement the Islamic order in the country."

Zia told reporters Tuesday that terrorism cannot be prevented without the active cooperation of the people, although it is the government's responsibility to maintain law and order. He said he had told all district officers to give law-abiding citizens permission and license for possession of weapons.

Zia also confirmed that he will visit China Oct. 17 for talks with Chinese leaders.

Dutch praise Arab plan for M.E. peace

THE HAGUE, Sept. 15 (R) — The Dutch government has welcomed the Arab Middle East peace plan announced last week and said it contained positive elements. A Dutch Foreign Ministry spokesman Tuesday said the plan published last Thursday after an Arab League summit meeting in Fez, Morocco, would be discussed in detail with other members of the European community, probably at a ministerial council meeting in Brussels next week.

The spokesman said: "The plan deserves our positive interest because it contains positive elements such as a United Nations Security Council guarantee of peace for all states in the region, and also links up with a number of conditions in Resolution 242 adopted by the Security Council."

But he added: "The Arab plan cannot be seen separately from the peace proposals by President Reagan which the Netherlands regards as an important step in attempts to give new impulses to the peace process in the Middle East."

On Reagan's peace proposals

U.S. lauds Hussein's remarks

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP) — The Reagan administration has called encouraging the complimentary remarks for President Ronald Reagan's new Middle East peace initiative by King Hussein of Jordan. "We are convinced that Jordan is giving the president's plan serious consideration," said John Hughes, the State Department spokesman.

But Hughes said the administration is seeking a clarification of whether or not Arab states meeting at Fez, Morocco last week were ready to recognize Israel. "Obviously we would like to see a clarification of what at the moment is an interpretation," Hughes said.

In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp., King Hussein called Reagan's plan "a very constructive and a very positive

move" and did not rule out the possibility that it could be made compatible with the Arab plan adopted at Fez.

Hussein said he envisions a federation between Jordan and Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip once Israel leaves. "I believe there will be two separate entities, linked together, Palestine and Jordan, through a federation," he said. The king said he foresaw a referendum of both Palestinians and Jordanians on the type of government and relationship that would emerge following negotiations.

Hughes said the administration is "pleased with the positive thrust of the king's remarks...It underlines our previous feeling that the king is taking the president's initiative very seriously."

Schmidt supports Reagan's initiative

BONN, Sept. 15 (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has given warm backing to the Mideast peace initiative announced by President Reagan two weeks ago. In a speech Tuesday to parliamentary deputies in his Social Democratic Party, Schmidt said he considered the American initiative "of the greatest importance."

The most significant feature of the plan, Schmidt said, was that it included an idea

propagated by Europeans for several years that Mideast peace could be achieved only through handover of territory.

"With this, the United States of America has, for the first time in many years, no longer acted as a partner without conditions but has presented a great concept of its own," Schmidt said. "It does not agree with the aims of Israel," he noted.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The U.S. Commerce Department has issued an export license to allow the sale of six small jets to Iraq, a department spokesman said Tuesday. The State Department still has to approve licensing of special mapping and target towing equipment to be installed on the jets, which are worth about \$25 million, according to department officials.

ANKARA, (R) — Turkey has asked Greece to arrest those responsible for Monday night's attack on the military attaché of the Turkish Embassy in Greece.

DACCA, (AP) — The 35th session of the Regional Committee for Southeast Asia of the World Health Organization opened here Tuesday. Attending the seven-day meeting are Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, North Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

DACCA, (AP) — Government employees in Bangladesh will follow suit and reduce weekly working days from six to five beginning next week, officials said Tuesday.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — A senior army officer has been fired for publishing an article defending Eli Geva, the colonel who resigned his command in protest over the siege of Beirut, Israeli radio said Tuesday. The radio said the disclosure came from Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan, the military chief of staff during a briefing to the foreign affairs and security committee of parliament.

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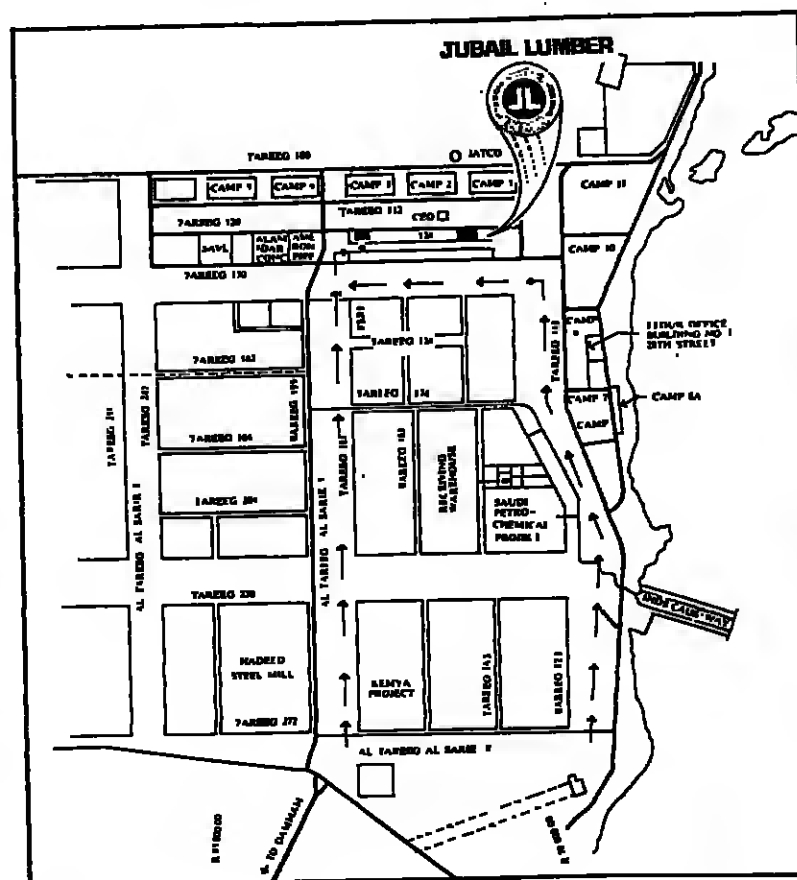
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GEMAYEL'S MURDER

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His active role in the blood-bath of Lebanon started with the masterminding of the murder of the Palestinian cadets passing through East Beirut in 1975. Gemayel's hands were not only stained with the blood of the innocent Muslims and Palestinians, but also with those of his co-religionists to whom he gave no quarters.

Assisted by Israel, Gemayel built a well-trained militia which terrorized any one daring to oppose him.

The Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June gave the young militia leader a chance to consolidate his position within Lebanon and also with those of his Israeli benefactors. He allied with them and as the Israelis rained death and destruction on Muslim West Beirut, Gemayel waited in the wings hoping for a quick Palestinian and patriotic Lebanese defeat. This of course did not happen in such a manner to suit him and the Israelis.

The presence of the Israelis helped get him elected as president of Lebanon and within hours of his election he held contacts with the Israeli leaders promising them cooperation and friendship. Gemayel was not only the Pot of Lebanon but he had also become the Quisling of Lebanon. His numerous meetings with the Israelis, though denied by him, had become public and he thus became a suspect in the eyes of many who saw him as a willing tool of Israeli expansion.

His death also has caused some confusion and alarm. The Israelis have moved into West Beirut and it seems that a gradual control of the whole of Lebanon is under way.

So far no one has claimed responsibility although PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has blamed Israel for the murder.

Yet one thing is certain: the Arab world will not tolerate collaborators with the Israeli enemy.

Saudi Arabian press review

Okaz Wednesday condemned the Israeli military escalations in Lebanon and called for measures to "confront the spread of tension in the country."

The paper said Israel's troop reinforcement in the Bekaa Valley and its air raids during the last few days had increased the chances of a "military showdown between Israel and Palestinian-Syrian forces."

"The military escalations come at a time Israeli-American relations are strained because of Israel's rejection of the new American Middle East peace proposals made by President Ronald Reagan," it said.

"The Israeli rejection also indicates that the American role to end the Zionist invasion of Lebanon and ensure Israeli withdrawal from all Lebanese territory will be met with great Israeli stubbornness," it added.

Okaz called for urgent measures to "counter the spread of this tension and avoid a new military confrontation which can impede the chances of realizing a peaceful settlement for the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Al-Riyadh commented on U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's speech at an American Jewish gathering Tuesday in which he said his country could not impose

peace conditions on Israel, but at the same time America would never abandon President Reagan's peace plan.

"This expression is very diplomatic because it gives the U.S. a chance to retract on its words, whatever the differences between the conflicting parties," the paper said.

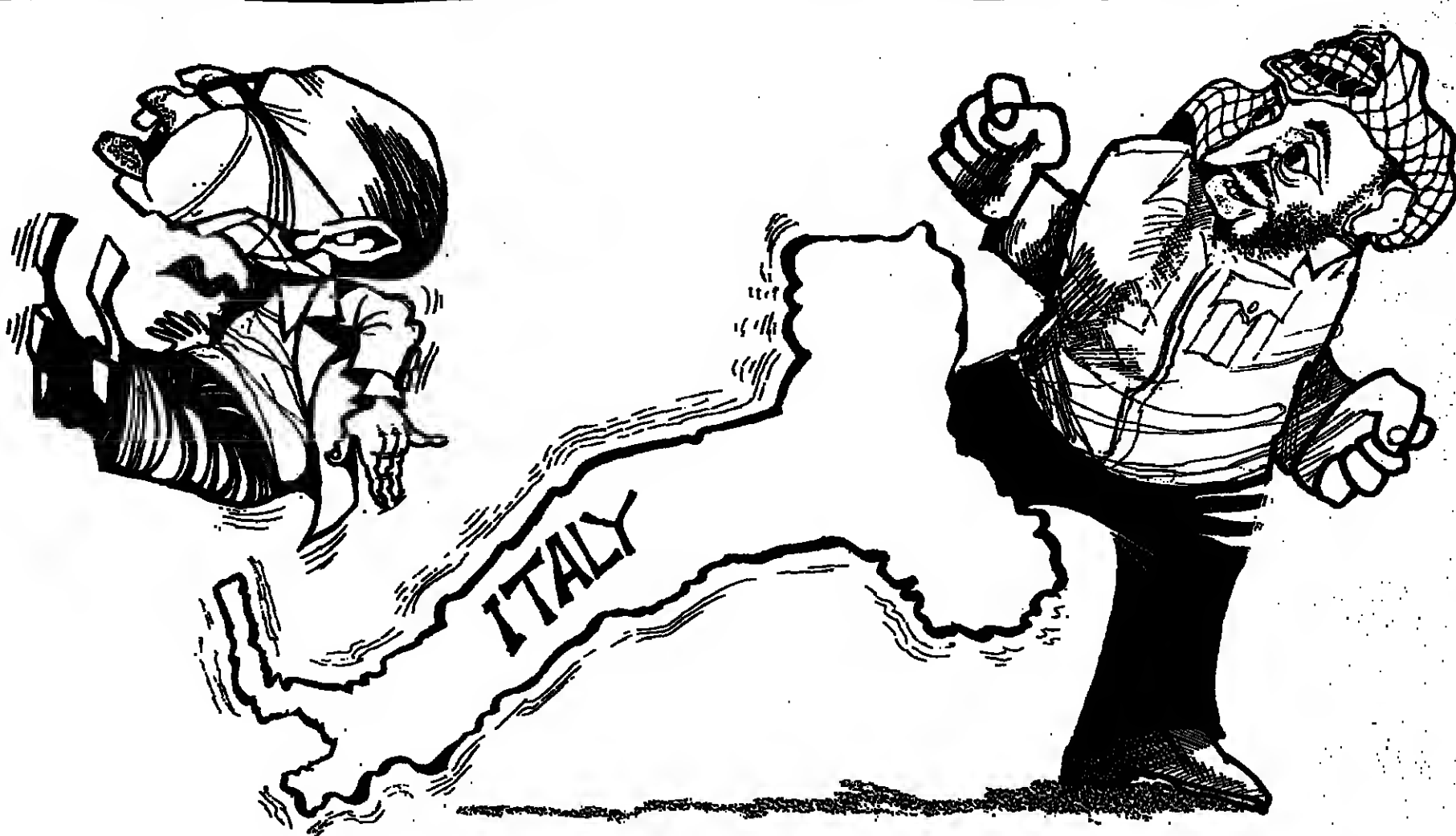
"The Palestinians have become a fact and the U.S. can no longer ignore or neglect them even in diplomatic formulas," the paper stressed.

Al-Madinah and **Al-Jazirah** commented on the Kingdom's role at the Fez Arab summit.

Al-Madinah said King Fahd had devoted all his time to "formulating the Arab future action, strengthening Arab solidarity, clearing the Arab atmosphere and reconciling Arab leaders."

Al-Jazirah said it was Riyadh's fate to play "this decisive Arab role" which called for more patience to succeed in its responsibility of realizing reconciliation between Syria and Iraq.

The paper said the Saudi leaders' experience and efforts to settle Arab differences would be "successful, if the Iraqi and Syrian president come to Riyadh with a sincere desire to resolve their dispute." (SPA)



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Bashir Gemayel: A profile

BEIRUT —

Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel has talked of building a new Lebanon. But his brutal death shows the tiny republic is not yet clear of seven years of bloody civil strife.

No one knows who was responsible for the bomb that killed the incoming president in an attack on his party headquarters on Tuesday. Gemayel, however, had as many enemies as any of his three million countrymen.

Palestinians, Syrians and Gemayel's leftist civil war foes saw his election to Lebanon's presidency as a coup made possible by Israel's invasion of the country. To them, the former commander of the Maronite Christian militia was sure to plunge the

country back into civil war. Former President Suleiman Frangieh blamed Gemayel for the 1978 slaying of his son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter. For his part, Gemayel never condemned the attack.

In July 1980, Gemayel's men smashed the Christian militia of former President Camille Chamoun. Chamoun made peace with Gemayel and lobbied for his election. But some well-informed Lebanese said Chamoun was privately hoping for Gemayel's defeat. But many Lebanese, both Christians and Muslims, hoped a strong president like Gemayel would unify the divided nation and, with Washington's help, gain the withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian armies from Lebanon.

Just before his Aug. 23 election, he wrote in *The*

Washington Post newspaper: "My program will recognize that highest priority must be given to the healing of wounds caused by the painful years of conflict."

He talked of the abuses of power of his Maronite compatriots — from who, under a 1943 optional power-sharing pact, the president must be chosen — and he bled out the hope of "a democratic government that guarantees all citizens' basic freedoms." But the biggest obstacle to his hopes was his own past. He was born Nov. 10, 1947, in the mountain village of Bikfaya, youngest son of Pierre Gemayel, founder of the Phalangist Party.

He joined the Phalangist militia at age 11. He began military training at age 13. He took part in the fighting during the 1975-76 civil war and

became Phalangist military commander at 28. His men called him Al-Bash, Turkish for "the great."

He was trained in law and political science and loved classical music and ovals, but his life was shaped by political and military conflict. Accused by his enemies of collaborating with Israel, which has given the Lebanese Christians \$100 million in military aid, Gemayel replied: "To save Lebanon, I would cooperate with the devil."

Gemayel escaped assassination twice, in 1979 and 1980. His 18-month-old daughter Maya was killed in the second attack, a car bomb. He is survived by his wife, Solange, a two-year-old daughter Youmna, and a four-month-old son Nadim. He was to have been inaugurated Sept. 23. Instead he was buried Wednesday.

Gemayel's election raised prospect of peace treaty with Israel...

By Barry Schweid

WASHINGTON —

Although the Reagan administration questioned the timing, the election of Bashir Gemayel to the presidency of Lebanon raised the possibility of another Middle East peace treaty — between his divided country and Israel. The 34-year-old Christian militia commander was armed by Israel during the 1975-76 civil war and backed by Israel for the presidency.

In his ascendancy following the withdrawal of Palestine Liberation Organization commandos from West Beirut, Israel saw the prospect of peace with a second Arab country. Egypt reached terms with the Zionist state in 1979.

Last week, however, Secretary of State George Shultz urged Israel not to push a treaty with Lebanon until the government in Beirut was able to

"construct itself, seize control of its country, and be a government that is representative of the people of Lebanon."

If Lebanon then decided that a peace treaty was in its interest, "that's a real peace treaty and that is highly desirable," Shultz said. But he said a peace treaty "that is signed at gunpoint, is not, in the end, a long-lasting peace treaty."

Before Gemayel's death was known, Moshe Arens, the Israeli ambassador, had called at the State Department to urge Shultz to promote a peace treaty between the countries.

Despite the frequent cross-border battles between Israeli and PLO forces, the Lebanese government had maintained a benign stance toward its neighbor and its own forces did not join in the many Middle East wars with Israel.

Now that Gemayel is dead, who is to carry out a

peace treaty between Lebanon and Israel? *Jerusalem Post* privately that Israel had shipped weapons to

Lebanon. An Israeli official in Washington, except for Gemayel's forces, said of Gemayel's slaying: "Again it was proved democratic ways do not suffice and bombs are used to solve political problems."

Rapoport, special assistant to Israeli consul-general Naphthali Lavie, added: "This will unfortunately throw Lebanon back into chaos and turmoil. This does not bode well for what is going to happen on our northern border."

Senator Charles Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he was "horrified and shocked by the news of the tragic death."

Recalling his own recent meeting with Gemayel, the Illinois Republican said Gemayel "stressed the need for all Lebanese to overcome past animosities and to unite for the good of the country." (AP)

...and assassination dealt a blow to U.S. peace efforts in Lebanon

By R. Gregory Nokes

WASHINGTON —

The assassination of Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, is a major setback to U.S. plans for obtaining the withdrawal of foreign troops and establishing peace in Lebanon. What one U.S. State Department official called "a terrible calamity" occurred just as cautious hopes were being voiced here that an end might be in sight to the cycle of war and bloodshed that has torn Lebanon apart for most of the past decade.

"Lebanon had just started to recover," said an Israeli diplomatic source here.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz had offered an upbeat assessment of Gemayel's prospects to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last Friday. "Our estimate is he is a strong and

effective individual and he has a very good chance of becoming a strong and effective leader," Shultz had said.

But such hopes were dashed in the wake of the death of the 34-year-old Gemayel in a bomb blast Tuesday. His inauguration as president was only one week away.

A privately expressed fear is that Gemayel's followers will seek bloody retribution for his death, touching off a new round of agony for the divided country. Furthermore, there is no other potential leader of stature on the horizon. The assassination occurred just as U.S. President Ronald Reagan's new peace envoy, Morris Draper, was arriving in the region to begin negotiating the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon.

Draper's mission was difficult enough even

before the death of Gemayel, but now he may be attempting the impossible, especially if factional fighting erupts between Gemayel's powerful Christian militia and leftist militias.

A State Department official who didn't want to be identified said Draper's plans will be unchanged, at least for the time being. "We are waiting to find out more," he said. "All I can say is our objectives in Lebanon remain exactly the same and Draper will pursue the same set of objectives he left with. Obviously, while it is a terrible calamity, it is not one we feel is insuperable."

He urged caution in guessing at who might have killed Gemayel. "Bashir had a long list of enemies," he said.

The challenge for Draper now may well be to keep the Israelis from resuming all-out war in

Lebanon against the remaining Palestinian forces and the Syrians.

Only Monday, the Reagan administration expressed satisfaction that the Lebanese government and Army seemed to be reasserting their authority in Beirut after the withdrawal of Palestinian commandos. And he listed the objectives of the Draper mission, including the withdrawal of foreign forces and the strengthening of the Lebanese central government and Army.

The weak Lebanese Army hasn't been equal to the task of controlling the warring militias in the past and wouldn't be expected to do the job again if the militias were intent on war.

The governments of Israel and Syria, both of which have a keen interest in events in Lebanon, are unlikely to pull their troops out in the midst of new turmoil, especially as they have been reluctant to leave without assurances their interests would be protected. (AP)

Burmese rebels crippled by mass defections

By Min Thu

RANGOON —

Defections to the government side have exacted a heavy toll on the fighting capability of the pro-Peking Communist rebels, according to reports in the government-controlled media. One of the reports said 24 former rebels, who recently surrendered, claimed the Communists are forcibly recruiting boys, most of them 10-15 years old, to beef up the rebels' ranks.

The surrenderers said they belonged to the rebel battalion "4047" operating in the Mongkaing area in the Shan states on the Burmese border with China. They said new recruits are being paid 10 kyats (about \$1.42) a month. The rebels have given villages a certain quota of recruits that they must fill up. If the quota is not met, the villagers are forced to shell out cash to make up for the deficiency. The surrenderers included the deputy commanding officer of the rebel group in the area, a political commissar and 22 youngsters mostly under 15 years of age.

They told government authorities that by defecting, they took the risk of being killed by government forces. They said they had been "brainwashed" by their former comrades into believing that government troops kill all surrenderers without exception. They said their main reason for defecting was the inhuman treatment they received from the Communist cadres. The case of Aik Awe, 12, is an example. He said he was forced to join the rebels because they threatened to kill his parents unless they let him go, or shell out 4,000 kyats (about \$540) in exchange for his freedom.

Since his family did not have the needed amount,

he had to join the rebels. The young ex-rebel said that despite their promise not to harm his parents, the Communists gunned them down in cold blood.

Another youth, Aik Yin, said he was given an M-16 rifle three days after he was forcibly conscripted by the Communists. He said the day he was given the weapon the rebels and government troops clashed. Being inexperienced, he was left in the battle zone while the rebels slipped away from the rear. Aik Yin said that when the Communists arrived in his village, they demanded that the residents pay "taxes" in exchange for two recruits. Fearful that the Communists would burn down the whole village, the village elders decided to pool their resources together and they bought him for 3,000 kyats (\$405). Then he was sent away with the rebels. He said Communist leaders usually order villagers in the remote and economically backward areas to grow opium. What the villagers earn from the opium trade is used to buy radio cassettes, horses, bullocks and other items for the personal use of the rebels. Rape and forced marriages are rampant, according to surrenderers.

The government has insisted that the rebels' attitude toward the hapless villagers has gone from bad to worse. The ideological rhetoric still reverberates in the Communist propaganda but the Burmese Communist movement has reduced to mere outlawry without any political philosophy.

Burma was the first country to recognize the new China under Mao Tse-tung following the fall of the Kuomintang government in 1949. The Burmese action was ostensibly calculated to curry favor with the new Communist giant. The Chinese leaders reciprocated by assuring Burma that while Peking intended to maintain its relations with the Burmese

rebels, it had no intention of arming and supporting the insurgents next door.

But the Chinese rhetoric was directly opposite what was actually happening in the fields. Rangoon said. Captured Burmese rebels, or those who have surrendered, confirmed that China has continued its military assistance to the insurgents even at the time it was assuring Burma that it would not come to the aid of the local rebels.

When Burma offered to talk peace with the rebels in June 1963, many of the Communist rebels who flew in from Peking remained in Burmese territory to wage a guerrilla war against the Rangoon government. The Communist strongholds have been confined to the rice bowl of the Irrawaddy Delta region and the Pegu Yoma range.

But even within its own ranks, the Communist movement has shown some bloody upheavals. On Sept. 24, 1968, the first party boss of the Burmese underground, Thakin Than Tun, was killed by one of his followers in a violent purge. On March 15, 1975 the two ranking leaders of the Communist in Burma, Thakin Chi and Thakin Zin, were killed in a clash with government troops. Thus ended the Communist dominance in the Irrawaddy and Pegu Yoma regions.

The remnants of the original Communist military arm abandoned the delta and Yomas. They have joined forces trying to establish a "liberated area" on the east bank of the Salween in the Shan states. However, the linkup has not been entirely successful because of the relentless anti-dissident campaign of the Burmese government, said an official spokesman. (Depthnews Asia)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Sept. 16th, the 259th day of 1982. There are 106 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1673 — Roman Emperor Leopold I declares war against France.

1824 — Louis XVIII of Prussia takes Prague but, deserted by the French, he is driven back into Saxony.

1850 — Slave trade is forbidden in district of Columbia in the United States.

1913 — Japan sends flotilla to Yangtze River on China's failure to honor reparations agreement.

1926 — Italy and Romania sign treaty of friendship.

1927 — Paul von Hindenburg, dedicating the Rosenberg memorial, repudiates Germany's responsibility for World War I.

1945 — Japan surrenders Hong Kong at the end of World War II.

1963 — Malaysia, North Borneo, Sarawak and Singapore form federation of Malaysia.

1964 — A ceasefire goes into effect in Yemen, ending a two-year civil war.

1981 — The Polish Communist Party accuses the Solidarity labor movement of pushing the nation toward what it calls "a new national tragedy."

Thought for today:

Think wrongly if you please, but in all cases think for yourself — Gotthold Lessing, German dramatist-critic (1729-1781).

Grace--a princess from birth

MONTE CARLO. (Agencies)—Princess Grace of Monaco, who died Tuesday, dropped a glittering career as one of Hollywood's biggest film stars to become the wife of the ruler of a tiny Mediterranean principality. As Grace Kelly she had Hollywood at her feet when she abruptly quit to marry Prince Rainier of Monaco and to devote herself to family life and her adopted country.

She died at the age of 52 from a cerebral hemorrhage about 36 hours after her car somersaulted down a mountain on Monday, trapping the princess inside. Prince Rainier was at his wife's side in a Monaco hospital "practically without interruption," a palace spokesman said.

The youngest of the couple's three children, 17-year-old Stephanie — the only other person in the car — suffered what a bulletin described as severe bruising and remained "under observation."

Grace's other children, Princess Caroline, 26, and Crown Prince Albert, 24, were in Monaco, a palace official confirmed.

Tributes to the princess began pouring in from the stars of her Hollywood past including U.S. President Ronald Reagan and singer Frank Sinatra. Reagan praised her "character and elegance," saying in a statement from Washington that she was remembered as "a compassionate and gentle lady who had a deep and abiding affection for her adopted country and people." Sinatra mourned the loss of "a gracious, wonderful woman who was a princess from the moment she was born."

Grace was born on Nov. 12, 1929 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of a prominent Irish-American family. She shot to stardom in Hollywood as the ideal American woman.

After studying at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York and supporting herself as a photographer's model, Grace made her debut on Broadway in August Strindberg's *The Father* in 1949. Hollywood scouts could hardly wait to sign up the cool blonde beauty.

Fame and the unofficial title of "Queen of Hollywood" came to the headworking actress when she co-starred with Gary Cooper in the Western film *High Noon*. She starred in such films as Alfred Hitchcock's *Dial M for Murder* before winning an Oscar, Hollywood's highest acting honor, for her part in *The Country Girl*, co-starring with Bing Crosby in 1954.

It was while she was attending the Cannes film festival in the spring of 1954 that she met the prince who was to make her the wife of a ruler of the ancient house of Grimaldi. Their formal engagement was announced two years later, but Grace Kelly had to fulfill a commitment to appear in the musical *High Society* with Bing Crosby before her April wedding. "The marriage was one of the decade's major social events — first a civil marriage and then a three-hour ceremony at Monaco's

St. Nicholas Cathedral. Some cynics suggested that the film star was merely picking up a European title and would soon return to the screen. They were proved wrong for Princess Grace remained at the Monte Carlo palace on the Mediterranean, despite many film offers.

"Of course we were taking a terrible gamble," she said of her marriage. "We didn't know each other. But we were both at a point in our lives when each was ready for marriage."

The marriage had an extra significance for Monaco, for had Prince Rainier not married and produced a heir to the throne, his tiny principality would have been ceded to France.

In January 1957, Princess Caroline, the couple's first child was born. The heir to the throne, Prince Albert, was born in 1958, and Stephanie, who was in the car with her mother when the accident took place, followed in 1965.

On rare occasions, Princess Grace accepted engagements for stage appearances for charitable causes. In 1970 she appeared on stage for the first time in 14 years to replace Noel Coward at a London charity concept featuring Frank Sinatra and seven months later appeared at Sinatra's farewell charity concert in Los Angeles. She also helped her husband promote Monaco, acting as a guide in a television film to encourage tourists to visit the country.

the princess's ties to Hollywood were maintained when in 1976 she became the first woman member of 20th Century Fox Film Corporation's board of directors.

Princess Grace was the sixth Hollywood star — and the fourth academy award-winner — to die in a year.

— William Holden, who won a best-actor Oscar for his role as a cynical prisoner of war in *Stalag 17*, died on Nov. 8, 1981, at the age of 63 after he fell and gashed his head in Santa Monica, California.

— On Nov. 29, Natalie Wood, who garnered three Oscar nominations but never won one, fell off her yacht at Catalina Island and drowned during a vacation with her husband, actor Robert Wagner, and actor Christopher Walken.

— John Belushi, the comedian famous for his antics on NBC-TV's *Saturday Night Live* and the film *Animal House*, died March 5 in Hollywood of an overdose of drugs.

— Henry Fonda, a Hollywood legend for roles in movies such as *Mister Roberts* and *The Grapes of Wrath*, died at 77 of chronic heart disease in Los Angeles. Despite his long career he didn't win an Oscar until this year, for his last performance as an aging professor in *On Golden Pond*.

— Ingrid Bergman, winner of three acting Academy awards and star of the wartime classic *Casablanca*, died Aug. 29 in London after a long battle with cancer. She died hours after her 66th birthday party.



Princess Grace

American standard-setter Fleisher to tune again

By Joseph McLellan

WASHINGTON (WP) — The music world is about to hear a sound it has not heard in 18 years. The sound produced by the right hand of Leon Fleisher.

On Sept. 16, in the new Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore, Fleisher, one of the great pianists of our time, will make the most dramatic return to the piano since Vladimir Horowitz came out of voluntary retirement in 1965. Fleisher's concert, with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at the gala opening of its new hall, will be taped for nationwide stereo simulcast on Sept. 25.

Fleisher's right hand was silenced by a neurological problem in 1964, when he was 37. He recalls it as "the gradual onset of a syndrome that they actually call writer's cramp — an involuntary curling under of the fourth and fifth fingers and an inability to get them straightened out in time to play the next notes."

A similar problem has also disabled the right hand of Gary Graffman, another American pianist of international stature and a friend of Fleisher's. "Gary is watching my progress very carefully, and we are in constant communication," Fleisher says. "He is seriously considering my treatment, but at the moment he is going a different route. He is now in the middle of another series of procedures."

Before this problem hit him, Fleisher was one of the most acclaimed pianists in the

world and one of the busiest. Perhaps too busy. "I had been doing an awful lot of playing under pressurized conditions," he recalls. "During the last year before I stopped, I played 21 times in New York City alone. I had worked my muscles into a state where they no longer relaxed between performances, a state of chronic tension. I suffered from a sort of petrified muscles," he said.

Remembering those days, Fleisher is planning to make his comeback very slowly. He has accepted only two piano engagements for the coming season and is much more definite about his conducting plans, including a Stravinsky program Oct. 2 at the Kennedy Center here.

Even after his long absence from the concert stage, some of Fleisher's records — notably the sets of Beethoven and Brahms piano concertos with the Cleveland Orchestra and George Szell — are still in circulation and are regarded by many critics as standard-setters. But in recent years, his live piano performances have been limited to the meager repertoire for the left hand: chiefly concertos by Ravel and Prokofiev, a set of "diversions" with orchestra by Benjamin Britten and a quintet with strings by Frank Schmidt. He has continued to win critical superlatives in this music.

During the years of his disability, Fleisher also became active in chamber music and conducting, as music director of the Theater Chamber players in Washington since the group's establishment in 1968, associate conductor of the Baltimore Symphony for the past five years and music director of the Annapolis Symphony for 12 years. He has also been a faculty member of the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore since 1959.

Fleisher has been undergoing therapy on his right hand since January, following surgery for a condition called "carpal tunnel," related to wrist flexibility. The therapy, twice a week at the Northern Virginia Myotherapy Clinic in Springfield, Va., involved "a lot of detail work on the hand, back and shoulder," and "a series of strength and stretch exercises to rebuild the muscle efficiency," according to the clinic's Nancy Shaw, a therapist who has now become a fan of Fleisher's music. Shaw said she was at a rehearsal recently and "it went extremely well."

Rumors that Fleisher was thinking of a return to the standard repertoire have been circulating in the music community since last spring. But his final decision was made only recently, long after the orchestra confidently announced that he would play Beethoven's fourth piano concerto — one of his specialties in the old days — at its gala opening. Fleisher has decided at the last minute to substitute Frank's symphonic variations. He will probably get back to Beethoven later, he said, but "at the moment, I'm not planning or projecting. I've got to see how things go for a while."

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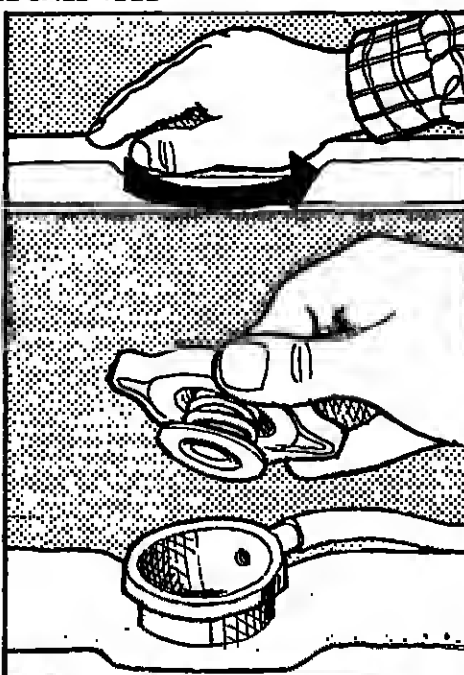
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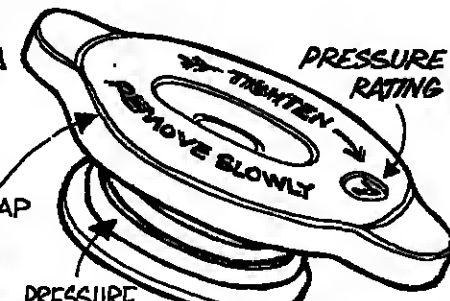
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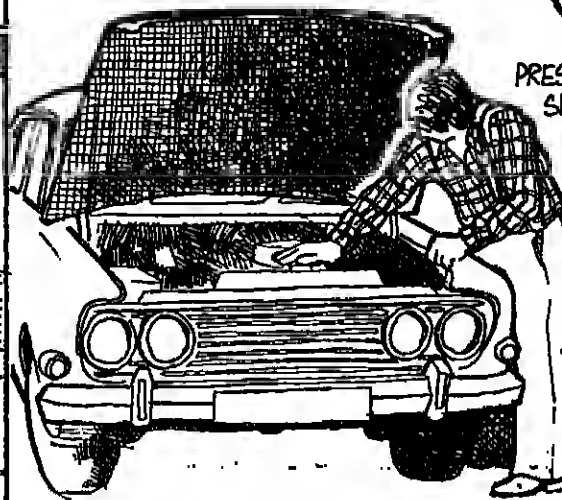
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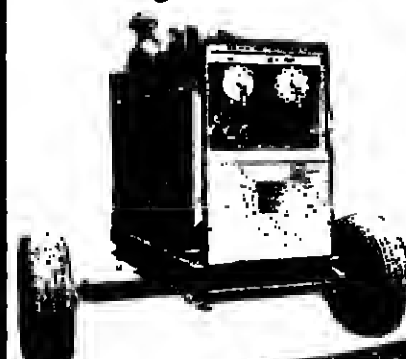
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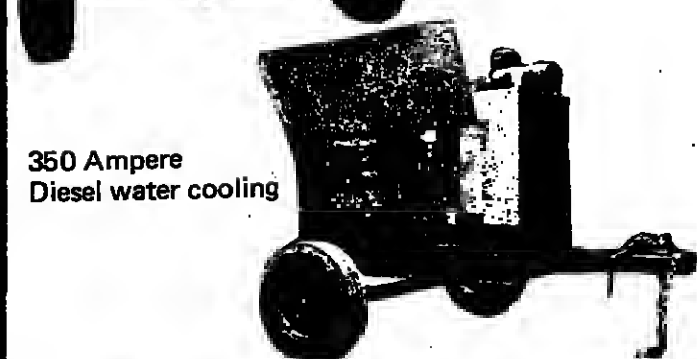


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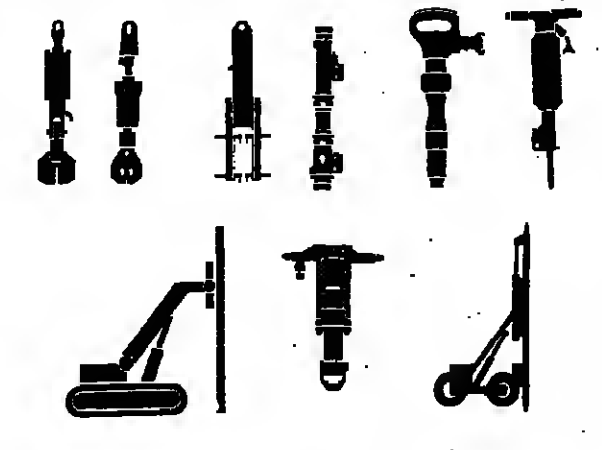
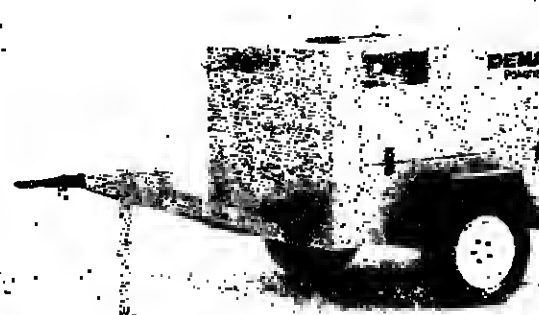
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Creaking phones a way of Soviet life

By John Morrison

MOSCOW (R)—When part of the Soviet Union's overseas telephone links collapsed last Friday, silver prices jumped in New York and worried U.S. senators asked if a change of government was under way in the Kremlin. By contrast in Moscow, where communications problems are a way of life, the breakdown passed unannounced and almost unnoticed.

Russia installed its first telephones 100 years ago in 1882, but in many ways the Soviet Union has still not come to terms with the invention.

In 1980 the Soviet Union had 89 telephones per 1,000 inhabitants, about one-tenth of the facility in the U.S. In rural areas there were only 38 phones per 1,000 persons, a third of the figure for towns. Although the Kremlin has promised to increase phone installations by 40 percent by 1985, millions of people have been waiting for years to be connected.

Those without their own phones spend hours or days waiting in public telephone offices for their turn to make a call. Automatic dialing has been introduced between major cities and towns but works only intermittently because the lines are overloaded.

On a recent afternoon at Moscow's central telegraph office a man who wanted to call Baku, the capital of Soviet Azerbaijan and a city of more than a million people, was told he would have to wait more than 2 hours. No calls at all were available through the operator to Soviet Central Asia, an area of several million people.

Against this background, nobody seemed surprised to learn that overseas calls were subject to a delay of two days. Despite Lenin's dictum that socialism without posts and telegraphs is "just an empty word", the Soviet Union wastes vast amounts of time and money through communications holdups.

Communist Party and government leaders have their own communications systems, but the vast majority of farms, factories and

offices depend on the creaking public network.

Even within Moscow letters can take days to arrive, so foreign embassies and firms deliver their own mail by hand. Because postal and telephone links are uncertain and telex is scarce, the most common means of communication between Soviet factories is the old-fashioned telegram. Technical problems are compounded by a series of factors peculiar to the Soviet Union which hamper communication.

Chief among these is the absence of any directory of private telephone subscribers. The last time a four-volume directory was printed in Moscow was in 1971 and there were only 50,000 copies for 840,000 subscribers. All that is available is a one-volume list of government and city official numbers, which carefully omits the embassies and other foreign organizations in the Soviet capital.

Another thing missing in the Soviet Union is the telephone switchboard and its operator to route incoming calls to the right extension in hotels, ministries and other offices. Each official has his own outside line, so if he is away there is no switchboard to reroute his incoming calls and his telephone rings unanswered. Even when the call is answered, Soviet officials are reluctant to do business on the phone and ask for a letter instead.

Domestic phone traffic may give the Kremlin headaches, but the real problems start with international links, where the need for tight control conflicts with the demand for efficiency.

Last Friday's telephone breakdown, which halted incoming and outgoing international calls through the operator to Moscow and most other major cities, appeared to be accidental rather than deliberate.

But it was preceded by a series of restrictions on telephone links to the West which Western governments saw as a breach of Moscow's commitments under the Helsinki

European security accords. Direct dialing of calls to the West, first introduced in Moscow for the 1980 Olympics, was suddenly withdrawn in July to protests of foreign embassies.

This month it was followed by the withdrawal of incoming direct dial calls from abroad. According to Western telephone authorities, Moscow has cut down the number of lines used for traffic with most foreign countries.

Western embassies in Moscow say Soviet officials, questioned about the cuts, have yet to provide a convincing technical explanation. The reason seems to be that security authorities were increasingly alarmed by the freedom given to ordinary Soviet telephone subscribers to call friends and relatives in the West. Direct dialing to foreign countries was never officially announced here when it was introduced, and information on codes for Western cities was spread among Muscovites by word of mouth.

With all calls to the West now routed once again through the operator, the authorities will be able to decide who will be allowed to talk to whom.

Government offices, foreign embassies, news organizations and foreign businessmen find they are given priority and their calls come through within an hour or two. Ordinary telephone subscribers tell a different story.

They are regularly told by the operator that all lines are busy and find it almost impossible to make a call to a Western country. Now some Western embassies have been promised that they will be given back one or two lines with individual access to direct dialing, though none has been reconnected so far.

The authorities seem to be looking for a technical solution which will allow embassies and other accredited foreign organizations to dial directly as before, diplomats say. Meanwhile the ordinary Soviet subscriber in the house next door who wants to call a cousin in New York or a friend in Paris will be kept at the back of the queue.

Thais use sunshine to combat communism

By Viset Sak Sangunpong

RAKTHINTHAI VILLAGE, Thailand (AP)—The Thai government is trying to harness the sun to help combat communism. The plan is based on a simple philosophy: that electricity makes for happier villagers and happier villagers are less likely to be swayed by propaganda of the outlawed Communist Party of Thailand.

The country's chief anti-insurgency agency—the Internal Security Operations Command—says the theory is working. It reports that the number of guerrillas has decreased in recent years, in part because living standards have improved. But it says there are still 8,000 armed Communist guerrillas in the country.

This small, northern Thai village of 500 poor farmers, was recently under the control of Communist guerrillas. But in October 1981, the government moved the villagers to another area. A few months ago inexpensive solar panels were installed to provide electricity in a pioneer effort to introduce in other insurgency-troubled areas.

The "solar village" project is sponsored by Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, a strong advocate of combating communism through rural development rather than military force.

Solar power in this tropical country had been used chiefly to heat water in some provincial hotels and hospitals. But government planners say it is becoming more

With electricity scarce

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attractive to industry, private homeowners and rural reformers. Electricity is rare in remote areas of Thailand. About 54 percent of the country's villages have no power.

The 3rd army, the military force in northern Thailand, is helping in the development. It relocated the 500 villagers here from a rugged, mountainous area where they were virtually controlled by the Communists.

Maj. Geo. Prayad Rodphothong, deputy 3rd army commander, said the military helped construct the new village, provide agricultural tools, taught the farmers self-defense and allocated 130,000 baht (\$5,600) to install the solar panels. Another 170,000 baht (\$7,400) for the project came from private donations.

The insurgents used these and other original villages as bases of support and launching pads for ambushes along strategic Highway 1020 in Chiang Rai province, he said. An average of 50 soldiers and civilians were killed by the rebels each year along that highway, he explained.

If the pioneering efforts prove successful, solar energy will be introduced to nine other provinces, said Thanoo Vicharangsak, director of the office for machinery registration in the Ministry of Industry. Although the solar panels are expensive, he said, their long-term value makes the experience worthwhile—they require no fuel, have an operating life of up to 20 years and need little maintenance. Sunshine here is plentiful.

The panels for this village came from

Arco Solar, Inc., an American company. But Thanoo says Thailand has the technology to manufacture its own. The demand for rural areas appears to be present since 54 percent of the country's villages still lack electricity.

Bangkok's Asian Institute of Technology is looking to other rural applications of solar energy. It already has come up with a prototype rice drier and an ice-making machine. The rice drier, a small, solar-heated storage shed, would allow a farmer to store his harvest until he could get a good price for it.

Traditionally, most farmers sell their crop after harvesting—and before the rains— to rice mill owners, if prices are very low. Rice grains are usually dried by the sun.

A spokesman for the institute says a rice-drier with a one-ton capacity could be built for as little as 2,000 baht (\$87). The increased value of a farmer's crop would allow him to recoup his investment in a single growing season, according to institute estimates.

An ice machine with a five-square meter collection panel (54 square feet) could produce 25 kilograms of ice per day. Four such panels could produce enough ice each day for a small village, the institute says.

Solar power in Thailand is currently used chiefly to heat water in some provincial hotels and hospitals. But government planners say it is becoming more attractive to industry, private homeowners and rural reformers.

Japanese national rail saddled with debt

By Keith Stafford

TOKYO (R)—A trip on the Shinmei railway line in Japan helps to explain why the country's state railways have just announced huge losses. Every ride costs 29 times the fare.

The Shinmei line runs from Fukagawa to Nayloro on the north Japanese island of Hokkaido, and has been branded the biggest loss-making railway line in the entire 21,300-km system run by the Japanese National Railway Corporation (JNR).

For every 100 yen (38 cents) of earned revenue, a total of 2,901 yen (\$11.15) must be spent. Very few lines in the whole network make a profit, though two more than pay their way: the commuter line around Tokyo and the "Bullet" express along Japan's eastern shore.

The JNR has just announced that in the year ending in March the state railways lost 1,085.9 billion yen (\$4.18 billion) and corporation president Fumio Takagi said there was worse news to come. He expects a loss this financial year of 1,383 billion yen (\$5.32 billion) and next year of 1,646 billion (\$6.33 billion). Yet all this time private railways

across the country will be running at a profit. Like railways all over the world, the JNR has been savaged by competition from the roads, especially freight traffic. JNR's market share of freight business has dropped to eight percent from 40 percent in the last 20 years.

Many of its problems lie with overmanning. After World War II, Japanese authorities used the railways to absorb public employees returning from the former colonies of Taiwan and Korea, and in the last 30 years politicians have pressed the corporation to staff hopelessly uneconomic lines in their constituencies.

Aging of the 400,000-strong work force is placing such a burden on the pension scheme that it is now in dire straits, supporting three retired workers for every four contributors. Attempts to mop up the flood of debt have so far come to nothing. Proposals to close loss-making lines run into vehement opposition from residents and their political representatives.

There have been cuts in the labor force but the unions are strong and fight redundancies, so any decline is due to non-replacement of retired staff. Attempts to improve labor productivity have led to deterioration in indus-

trial relations. The result has been a rash of stories in the press about railway inefficiency, notably printed around the time when the JNR announced a fare increase of nearly 10 percent.

A commission on administrative reform investigating the government's burgeoning debt has suggested more private control of the railway system to clear up the financial mess.

The commission suggested the entire railway system be broken up over the next five years into small regional units, with the management taken over by private companies, government-financed corporations or joint ventures struck between private interests and local governments.

Over those five years the commission proposed a total ban on recruitment and on investment for anything but safety, and the closure of some totally uneconomic branch lines.

Political sources say the railway losses have major implications for the Japanese government, saddled with enormous debt. Economists forecast the government deficit this financial year at 14,200 billion yen (\$54.6 billion).

NEXT WEEK

Dr. Steincrohn discusses

Saturday, Sept. 18

A heating pad or moist heat may help in alleviating the pain from menstrual cramps, but the more specific and successful treatment is medicine the doctor may prescribe to prevent the uterus from contracting too fast and too hard which is what causes the pain.

Sunday, Sept. 19

Many Psychiatrists subscribe to the theory that obesity is used as a conscious or unconscious defense against becoming involved in sex.

Monday, Sept. 20

The fear of hidden illness is often greater than the fear of physical


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Tuesday, Sept. 21

Most patients fear cancer more than any other illness. Early diagnosis is important in the fight against cancer. Respect warning signals and having periodic checkups.

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NBC claims

Rope letter 'barred invasion of Poland'

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (R) — Pope John Paul wrote to President Leonid Brezhnev in August 1980 saying that he would give up office and return to Poland if the Soviet Union invaded his homeland, according to an investigation by NBC News.

NBC, quoting Vatican sources, said that the pope's statement was contained in a handwritten letter to Brezhnev and that the letter possibly prevented an invasion. Reference to the letter is contained in an NBC documentary to be shown here next Tuesday. The documentary also alleges the possibility of a KGB (Soviet security police) link to the attempted assassination of the pope in May 1981.

NBC quoted intelligence experts as saying the pope's letter offered a possible reason for a plot against his life. Terrorism expert Claire Sterling last month said her own probe showed the pope's would-be assassin Mehmet Ali Agca was aided by a Turkish criminal ring controlled by Bulgarian secret police reporting to the KGB.

NBC detailed links between Agca, now

serving a life sentence for his attack on the pope in St. Peter's Square, and a Turkish gun-running ring operating out of Bulgaria with the backing of Bulgarian secret police. The network claimed that the man who gave Agca the gun he used to try to kill the pope was in hiding in the Soviet Union and it quoted Western intelligence experts as saying any KGB plot to harm the pontiff would need highest-level approval.

NBC quoted Vatican sources as saying that in his letter to Brezhnev, the pope threatened to lay down his office to stand shoulder to shoulder with his countrymen should Soviet troops move against the Polish people.

NBC said pope's envoy delivered the letter in August 1980 just as strikes were taking place in Gdansk that led to the birth of the Polish free trade union movement Solidarity.

The envoy, whose name NBC said it was pledged not to reveal, then shuttled between Moscow, Warsaw and Rome before finally convincing the Russians to gamble on co-existence with Solidarity rather than run the risk of an open confrontation with the pope.

Reagan's friend loses primary

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP) — Former Gov. Michael Dukakis ousted Conservative Gov. Edward J. King of Massachusetts Tuesday night, capturing the Democratic nomination in a rematch comeback he called "a defeat for Reaganomics" that should echo nationwide.

King had endorsed U.S. President Ronald Reagan's economic program, prompting Dukakis to call him a cheerleader for the Republican president. In describing his victory as a defeat for Reagan policies, Dukakis said: "I hope it's a message not only across this state but also across this country."

A dozen states and the district of Columbia, the independent entity of Washington,

voted in primary elections Tuesday. Primary elections are held by American political parties to select candidates to run in elections for state and national office.

In other important contests, two embattled congressional incumbents, Republican Sen. Robert T. Stafford of Vermont and Democratic Rep. Clement J. Zablocki of Wisconsin, won re-election.

In Nevada, veteran Sen. Howard W. Cannon struggled to hold his seat against Rep. Jim Santini in the Democratic primary. Cannon was behind, but narrowly, with 31 percent of the precincts reporting. Santini had 11,377 or 48 percent of the vote, Cannon 11,056 or 47 percent.

Promise on Soviet author revealed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger says he promised the Soviet Union he would not "make political use" of Alexander I. Solzhenitsyn if they let the dissident author go free.

Kissinger made the disclosure in an interview with John Lofton, a columnist for *The Washington Times*. Denying that he was involved in former President — Gerald Ford's decision not to see the exiled writer in 1975, Kissinger said: "I was in a particular difficulty with respect to Solzhenitsyn."

Specifically, Kissinger said, "I had been instrumental in urging the Soviets to let him leave the Soviet Union. I told (Ambassador Anatoly) Dobrynin that if they let him go, I would undertake not to make political use of him."

Kissinger described himself as a great admirer of Solzhenitsyn's writings. He said he gave the *Gulag Archipelago*, the author's account of Soviet prison camps, to Ford to read. "I told the president that if he wanted to understand the psychology of the Soviet system, he had to read at least part of this book," Kissinger said. "Do I have any regret about this? It made me extremely vulnerable."

"Whether Ford should have invited Solzhenitsyn to the White House was a matter of much controversy in the summer of 1975. The writer is a symbol of Soviet dissidence and somewhat of a folk hero to American conservatives."

BRIEFS

BINGHAMTON, New York, (AP) — Author John Gardner, who used his skills as a classicist to become one of America's most innovative contemporary writers, was killed in a motorcycle accident Tuesday, officials said. The silver-haired novelist, critic and poet was 49. Gardner, author of *The Sunlight Dialogues*, *October Light* and other novels, had been head of the creative writing program at the State University of New York at Binghamton since 1978. "I agree with Tolstoy," he wrote in his 1978 book *On Moral Fiction*, "that the highest purpose of art is to make people good by choice."

MIAMI BEACH, Florida, (AP) — Leicester C. Hemingway, the brother of author Ernest Hemingway, died at his Miami beach home from a self-inflicted gunshot wound in the head, a family friend said Tuesday. He was 67. Ernest Hemingway and the Hemingway brothers' father killed themselves the same way. "Leicester committed suicide with small handgun," said Andy Taylor, the family friend. One of Hemingway's daughters, Anne Feuer, also said Hemingway's death Monday was a suicide. Taylor said Leicester, diabetic, had talked of killing himself when he became apparent he would have to have his legs amputated because of a circulatory problem.

LONDON, (AP) — Princess Diana, who

has been largely out of the public eye since the June 21 birth of her son William, has been given a full diary of official engagements for the fall, Buckingham Palace said Tuesday. The 27-year-old princess will attend several functions on her own, many involving children and charity, visiting and opening hospitals and school buildings and attending receptions. In November, the princess will join her husband Prince Charles at the state opening of parliament.

LONDON, (AP) — The alleged leader of five young Tanzanians charged with hijacking an Air Tanzania jetliner to Britain said Tuesday that the plane was seized after a plan to topple Tanzania's Socialist government failed last December. Taxi driver Moussa Membar, 24, giving evidence at the Old Bailey central criminal court, also claimed the Tanzanian pilot of the hijacked plane, Capt. Deo Mazula, was an accomplice. Mazula has denied advance knowledge of the attack. Membar said he belonged to a dissident group, the Tanzanian Youth Democracy Movement, which planned "to chant the government" while President Julius Nyerere addressed a crowd in a stadium Dec. 9, the 20th anniversary of Tanzania's independence from Britain. "It was going to be a democratic revolution of the people. We did not need weapons," said Membar.

Wisconsin approves N-arm freeze

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, Sept. 15 (AP) — Wisconsin voters approved by a 3-to-1 margin Tuesday a proposal calling for a freeze on nuclear weapons in America's first statewide referendum on such a plan.

State Rep. Majorie Miller, sponsor of the legislation that put the referendum on the ballot, said the vote was a repudiation of U.S. defense policy. She called the margin of victory "terrific." Supporters predicted approval of the measure, which is non-binding.

The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan refused to take a stand on the referendum on the ground that its wording is ambiguous. Opponents of the measure were disappointed that the administration had not taken a more "forthright" stand against the proposal.

Meanwhile, residents of Brattleboro, Vermont, decisively endorsed another nuclear weapons freeze proposal. The Wisconsin referendum, as drafted by the state legislature, asked for a "yes" or "no" vote on the question of whether the state should inform the president and Congress that "it is the desire of the people of Wisconsin" to negotiate a "mutual nuclear weapons moratorium and reduction" with the Soviet Union and other nations.

A revised U.S. State Department position issued late last week said the question alludes to the desirability of both a "nuclear weapons moratorium and reduction" — without specifying which should come first. The State Department statement said the United States could agree to a nuclear freeze but only after negotiations with the Soviet Union produce a "substantial reduction to equal and verifiable levels."

U.S. A-test victims recall suffering

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 15 (R) — A farmer said his hair fell out and his skin turned pink, even under his sleeves, when a radioactive cloud from an atomic test hovered over his farm in southern Utah.

A housewife said her former husband complained of headaches and her three children, one of whom later died of leukaemia, was spotted with white blisters after the red cloud from atomic tests hovered over their farm.

Dave Schmutz and Martha Laird, now both in their 60s, were the first witnesses to be called when a trial expected to last three months opened in a Salt Lake City federal court.

The case could decide whether the U.S. government is liable to pay claims of more than \$2 billion sought by people who allege they are victims of 8 atomic tests staged in the atmosphere over Nevada in the 1950s and early 1960s.

The trial deals with only 24 of the 7,192 suits filed by alleged victims and relatives of

people who had died, but lawyers believed the actions would lay the groundwork for the rest of the cases.

Before the witnesses gave evidence, Ralph Hunsaker, a lawyer for the alleged victims, told U.S. Federal District Court Judge Bruce Jenkins that reports on atomic investigations were altered and witnesses intimidated.

People were told it was "OK" to watch the atomic explosion and untrained people were sent to monitor radiation levels in the fields, Hunsaker said.

Vacuum cleaners were used to collect radioactive dust and aluminium trays were set down to gather particles which were swept away by the wind, he added.

Mrs. Laird, who lived on a ranch 120 kilometers north of the Nevada test site, told the court: "We would see the flash and then a few minutes later would hear the rumbling of the earth." Then the cloud would come over.

She said she would bathe the children and the blisters which had formed would scale off the next day. The blisters never appeared again after the tests stopped, she added. Questioned by Hunsaker she said no one told her family not to go out under the cloud.

Mrs. Laird repeated a statement she had made earlier to a congressional subcommittee: "We were like guinea pigs, but people came out to check in guinea pigs. No one came out to us." Schmutz said he never received any warning not to feed his cattle after radioactive dust fell on his land. He said he was 29 when his hair fell out and it grew back later.

Lawyers for the alleged victims said only a third of the 24 plaintiffs in the cases being heard are still alive. "But I am fighting this case on behalf of children who no longer have a mother or father to go to, to have a shoulder to cry on," Hunsaker told the court.

Transvaal endorses power-sharing plan

PRETORIA, South Africa, Sept. 15 (AP) — The ruling National Party's biggest provincial group overwhelmingly approved the plans of Prime Minister P.W. Botha for sharing power with non-whites of mixed race or Asian descent but excluding blacks.

Only one member of the 1,600-strong Transvaal caucus voted against the proposals, but many ultra-rightist Nationalists who oppose the changes have already split to form a new white-supremacist party.

The plans call for the election of coloreds (mixed race) and Asians to separate parliamentary chambers, which would deal with matters affecting all three groups through a multiracial president's council. The plan makes no provision for the country's black majority.

The Transvaal, the country's most populous province, has been the center of resistance to racial reform, but Botha received a standing ovation upon his arrival at the party congress Tuesday.

Botha told the delegates that even with the departure of 19 Nationalist members of parliament to form the Conservative Party, the Nationalists still held more than two-thirds of the seats in the 165-member assembly.

Botha said the government had no intention of calling a new election to test support for his reform proposals. "Last year we had an election... We have been given a mandate and the government plans on carrying out its mandate in the next four years."

Meanwhile, a young South African woman and her Indian boyfriend have applied for

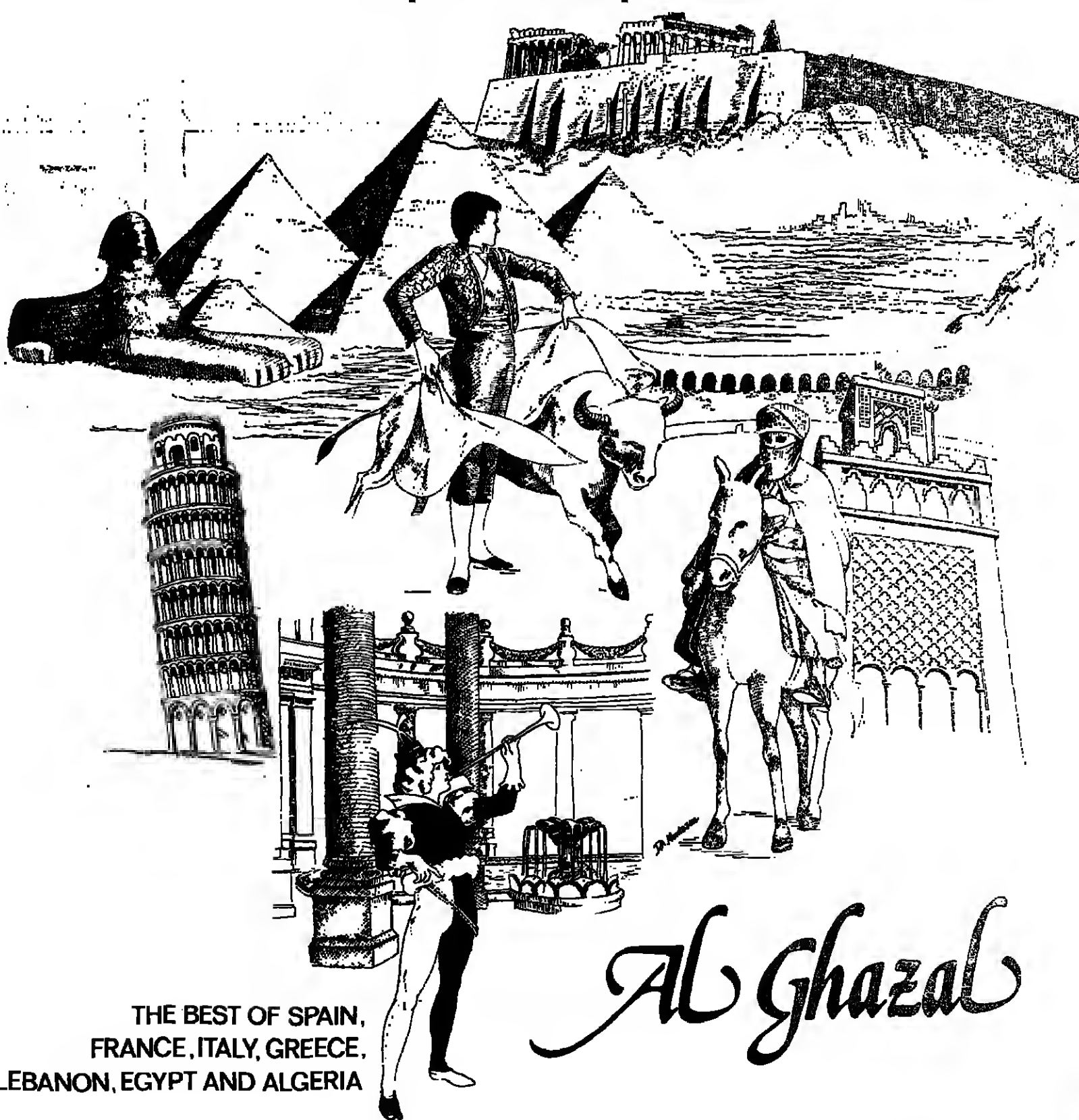
citizenship of Venda, a black "homeland" where they could live as a couple after being found guilty of violating South Africa's Immorality Act.

The press in Johannesburg reported that Charmaine Anne Deacon, 21, and Iqbal Amod, a car salesman from Pietersburg in the northern Transvaal, were given a six month prison sentence suspended for three years. Both had pleaded guilty. Miss Deacon, the daughter of a South African diplomat, was frequently seen in public with Amod in the Indian district of Pietersburg known as Nirvana.

Venda is one of four homelands which have been granted independence by South Africa, but the status is not recognized internationally.

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W. German economic outlook stays gloomy

BONN, Sept. 15 (AP) — West Germany's economy has virtually stood still for the past 18 months and the outlook continues gloomy, figures from the government statistical office have shown.

The figures showed Tuesday that no growth in gross national product in the first six months of this year against the first half of 1981. Unemployment rose 49 percent in the same period and the number of people contributing to the gross domestic product — an indicator of job availability and employment

levels — dropped almost half a million to 25.6 million.

The gloomy statistics came just two days after Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff published a 34-page paper advocating widespread cuts in welfare spending and increased private investment to revitalize the economy and create jobs.

Lambsdorff's suggestions departed radically from current government policy and drew a storm of protest from Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democrat party and its labor union backers.

Political sources said that Schmidt told senior deputies in his party Tuesday that Lambsdorff's suggestions betrayed a lack of understanding of economics.

Conservative industrialists, however, welcomed the proposals as what one association termed "a courageous step which would spark renewed growth. Tuesday's figures confirmed their predictions over the past 18 months that West Germany, once famed for its economic miracle, is caught in recession.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Manfred Lahnstein said the West German current account surplus will show a small surplus in 1982 after a 17 billion mark deficit last year.

Presenting the draft 1983 budget to parliament, he said this probably means the end of a phase of current account deficits that began in 1979 with an 11 billion mark shortfall, followed by a 30 billion deficit in 1980.

Venezuela says freeze oil prices

CARACAS, Sept. 15 (AP) — Minister of energy and mines, Humberto Calderero Berti said Monday he favors freezing oil prices until 1985.

"Given the current sluggishness of the market, and, above all, the need to discourage the tendency to substitute coal for oil, the most advisable thing at this time is to insist on a price freeze," Calderero Berti said.

He said a price freeze will probably be discussed at the forthcoming OPEC meeting that scheduled to begin in Abu Dhabi on Sept. 17.

EEC defers vote on multinationals

STRASBOURG, Sept. 15 (AP) — The European Parliament on Tuesday postponed for one month a vote on a European Common Market proposal that would force multinational corporations to disclose information to their employees on their financial circumstances and all procedures and plans liable to have a substantial effect on employee's interests.

The parliament carried by a narrow majority a motion delaying the vote on the so-called Vredeling proposal until the assembly's next plenary session Oct. 11-15.

A spokesman for the 109-member Christian Democratic group, which tabled the

motion, said that the Vredeling proposal was "rather ambiguous" and needed clarification. "This is why we need some time," he said.

But some observers saw the move as a tactic aimed at eventually killing the proposal, which has been strongly opposed by American and European multinational corporations since it was introduced nearly two years ago.

The parliament's largest political body, the 120-member Socialist group, provided most of the 161 votes against the motion to delay the vote, which was supported by 16 parliamentarians, with two abstaining.

Portillo moves shake business confidence

MONTERREY, Sept. 15 (AP) — President Jose Lopez Portillo's seizure of the private banking industry is broadening the traditional rivalry between the federal government and the free-thinking business community in this northern Mexican industrial stronghold.

Business leaders are nervous and angry following the surprise bank takeover, announced by Lopez Portillo in his Sept. 1 State of the Union Message as a means of halting the flow of billions of dollars from the country. Monterrey businessmen think the move was one more setback in the nine-month-old economic collapse that hit the nation at the start of the year when oil revenues fell drastically.

"There's a lot of uncertainty in the business sector," said Jorge Arrambide Garza, director of the local chamber of industry. "With the shocks this regime has given us, anything could happen."

Lopez Portillo said private banks were "sacking the country" of its funds. He also issued an ominous warning to Mexicans who said have taken \$14 billion from the country in recent months, while owing \$35 billion in U.S. real estate. "You have one month to meditate, then we will act," the president said.

The statements were matters of deep

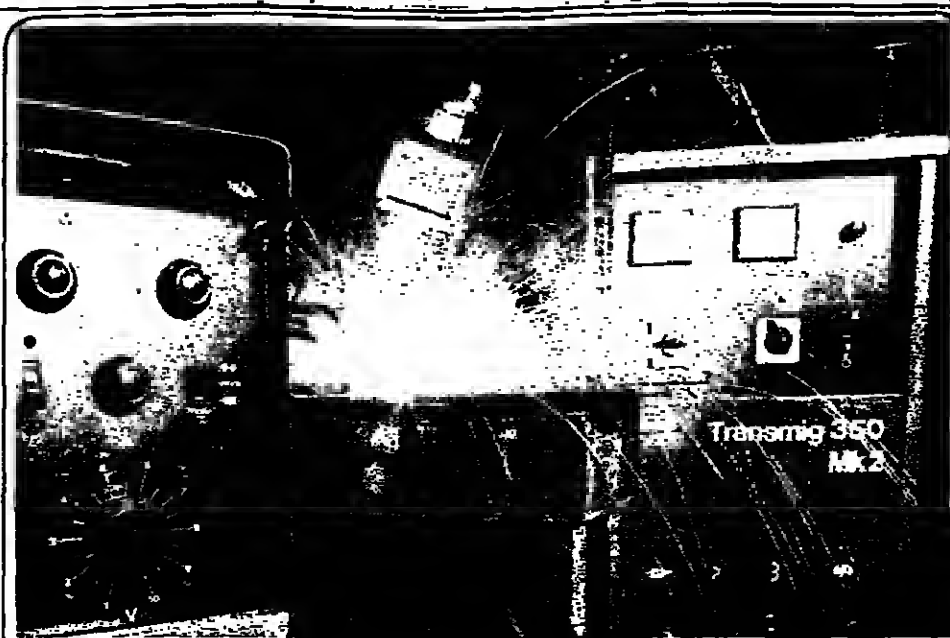
concern in this city, Mexico's third largest. Monterrey is a bastion of private enterprise, and business leaders have a history of run-ins with populist-oriented government officials in Mexico City, 597 miles (940 km) to the south.

Business leaders in Monterrey were prepared to organize a national strike last week to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with government economic policy. The strike fizzled when they failed to reach a consensus. Many still favor a cautious, wait-and-see approach.

Ruben Alanis, president of the Monterrey Chamber of Commerce, said the first two years of Lopez Portillo's administration brought business confidence. After that, Mexico, buoyed by massive crude oil revenues, tried to develop too quickly and built up heavy debts.

"We were all happy about the development," Alanis said. "We feel that its consequences were not measured. I think it's not unknown that Monterrey is caught in a very strong and deep economic crisis."

Lopez Portillo, who completes his six-year term Dec. 1 in the midst of the worst recession to hit Mexico in 50 years, maintained a truce with the northern capitalists during those first oil-fueled boom years of its administration.



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As Webbe reciprocates

U.K. frees Argentine funds

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP) — The British Treasury said early Wednesday morning that Britain had lifted financial restrictions against Argentina with effect from midnight Tuesday London time (2300 GMT) in response to a similar move by Argentina starting at the same time.

The sanctions were imposed by the two countries against each other last April at the start of the 74-day war over the Falklands. The fighting ended June 14 when Argentine forces that invaded the South Atlantic islands April 2 surrendered.

In Buenos Aires, an economy ministry communique issued Tuesday night said Economy Minister Jorge Webbe "has ordered the lifting of financial restrictions and has instructed the central bank of the Argentine Republic to implement the pertinent measures, in accordance with international banking practices."

The lifting of mutual financial restrictions unfreezes about \$1 billion of Argentine assets in Britain and \$5.8 billion in Argentina

which belongs to British banks.

The move eases tensions in the international banking community over Argentina's total foreign debts of \$36 billion and fears that Argentina might default on repayments.

Argentina has been seeking help from the International Monetary Fund for its tottering economy as well as trying to raise additional funds in New York and elsewhere. But bankers were unwilling to reschedule Argentina's debts while its access to London, one of the world's biggest banking centers, remained blocked by financial sanctions.

To reduce risk

Arabs may invest in Canada

ABU DHABI, Sept. 15 (AP) — Canada is being eyed by the Arab states, who have most of their surplus petrodollars in the United States as an alternative "investment basket", the governor of the central bank of the United Arab Emirates was quoted as saying.

"It is always advisable not to put all your eggs in one basket," Abdul Malik Al-Hamar said in an interview Tuesday with the English language UAE newspaper *Khaleej Times*. "Canada is one of the several unexplored areas."

Al-Hamar was interviewed in Toronto, where he headed a joint Arab banking delegation to the recent World Bank and International Monetary Fund meeting. "We think the rate of unemployment in the United States is more than 12 percent, but if we take the colored people in the poor areas, the figure jumps over 25 percent," Al-Hamar

said. "The social repercussions of such a policy is not well thought of in our countries. I am not saying this myself. The figures speak for themselves."

"You should not always run after higher returns without taking into consideration other possibilities," he said. "One should be content with moderate returns and less risks."

"Yes, Canada is one of the several unexplored areas," he added. "But one must look to the total potential and the economic state of the country one is thinking of investing in."

Al-Hamar said Arab petrodollars will have to be invested in the Western world for the foreseeable future, especially since there was a lack of suitable investment opportunities in the Arab area itself. "Everybody knows that more than 70 percent of all our portfolios are invested in U.S. dollars in America, Western and English banks," he said.

ICO urged to monitor exports

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP) — Delegates from the 27 consuming countries in the 73-nation International Coffee Organization called Tuesday for a close scrutiny of non-member import markets to examine whether customs controls are being observed.

The 46 producing nations in the ICO also recommended the move last week amid concern that some coffee exports are eluding customs and thereby sharply undercutting prices controlled by the ICO to protect producer-nations.

Consumer group chairman Hugo Rohrig of West Germany asked his producing group counterpart, Jorio Dauster of Brazil, to take the matter up at the ICO executive board meeting Wednesday.

Delegates said the board will be asked to set up a technical working group under the chairmanship of ICO Executive Director

Alexandre Beltrao of Brazil. The panel would follow up suggestions Beltrao made in June when he reported on ICO coffee exports to non-member nations and the difficulties in checking that they reach the destination listed in the bills of lading.

Beltrao found that in 1980-81, exports from member countries to non-member markets rose to 7.8 million bags — about 2.5 million bags more than is normally exported each year.

Of the 7.8 million bags, some 2.6 million are unaccounted for and, delegate sources said they probably never reached the markets they were officially intended for. A bag holds 132.2 pounds or 60 kilos. Beltrao suggested in his report that the ICO empower the Societe Generale de Surveillance in Geneva to supervise coffee shipments from loading through to final delivery.

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Plans \$4b standby credit

France vows to defend franc

PARIS, Sept. 15 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand committed himself to defending the franc on foreign exchanges Wednesday as his government announced a \$4 billion 10-year syndicated loan to back the currency.

Speaking at the weekly cabinet meeting, the president warned speculators they should not hope for any further devaluation of the franc.

He also threw his full support behind the stringent 1983 budget bill presented two weeks ago by economy and Finance Minister Jacques Delors, removing any lingering doubts in political quarters on this point.

The \$4 billion loan being raised on the international market through a syndicate of 250 banks led by Societe Generale, one of the top French nationalized banks, is in the form of a multi-currency standby credit.

This means that the French Central Bank will be able to draw amounts in U.S. dollars, Japanese yen, sterling or Deutsche marks as and when required. The loan will carry an interest rate of 0.5 percentage point above Libor — the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate — for each of the currencies concerned.

American, Japanese, British, Arab, West German and French banks taking part in the syndicate struck agreement with French authorities on the terms for the loan Tuesday night, and Delors said Wednesday afternoon the formal agreement would be signed next Oct. 15. He said France expected to make a first drawing on the credit line on that date. Delors said he considered the interest charged on the loan as satisfactory in the light of currently strained conditions on international capital markets.

Underlining that the credit will serve solely to shore up the franc, rather than to finance the government budget deficit, Delors said the counter-value of any amount drawn would be frozen with the French Central Bank.

Delors said the decision to launch the loan had been made over two weeks ago and

reflected the government's determination to check the mounting wave of distrust against the French franc, which has recently hit all-time lows against the dollar, the Deutsche mark and other leading currencies.

The finance minister also suggested that if need be, he was prepared to act on French interest rates in order to maintain the currency's value inside the EMS. Despite its heavy support for the currency on the foreign exchanges, the Banque de France still has ample gold and currency reserves now estimated at \$37 billion.

The \$4 billion loan, according to market analysts here, should give the French franc at least a six-month breather. Delors hopes that the first concrete results of the stringency built into the 1983 budget will, by then demonstrate to foreign operators the credibility of the Socialist government's policies.

EEC resumes textile talks

BRUSSELS, Sept. 15 (AFP) — The European Economic Community resumed textile talks with Hong Kong and South Korea here Wednesday in an atmosphere characterized by one Asian delegate as a "battle of wills" caused by European "intransigence".

The talks, aimed at renewing the Multifiber Arrangement (MFA), were suspended on June 15 over EEC demands to brake textile imports, mainly from the dominant low-cost textile producers of Hong Kong, South Korea and Macao.

Heading the Hong Kong team is the crown colony's trade commissioner Lawrence Mills. The chief EEC negotiator is Horst Guenter Krenzler.

In August, Krenzler warned that the EEC would withdraw from the MFA and adopt unilateral measures to brake textile imports if bilateral talks with a string of producing countries did not produce accord by the end of this month.

He warned that the consequences would be less beneficial to the producing countries

The budget aims at cutting government and consumer spending and putting a lid on a swelling budget deficit to fight inflation. Preliminary figures Wednesday set the rise of consumer prices in August at 0.3 percent for the second month running. The wage and price freeze clamped down at the time of the June devaluation has thus begun to yield results.

The government Wednesday also moved to boost domestic investment and exports, two weak spots at present in the French economic picture. The cabinet decided to propose a full exemption from the super-tax on wealth for any amount channelled into productive investment.

It also offered additional measures to encourage increased exports by small and medium size enterprises.

Swissair gets set for A310s

BERN, Sept. 15 (SP) — Swissair has 10 Airbus A310 on order, with another 10 on option. The first A310 is due to join the fleet in the spring of next year and will be put into service in April, according to the airline's press release here.

The airline will run the Airbus on the European circuit. But, the definite routes are still subject to some government and pool partners' agreements. With the A310 Swissair intends to maintain its established two-class system. In the Swissair version, the A310-220, the aircraft seats 22 first class and 190 economy class passengers, the press release says.

Swissair assigns an important role to the A310 as a cargo carrier in Europe and to the integration of its potential for containerized cargo with that of Boeing 747 and DC-10 longhaul fleet. The A310 can carry up to 7 tons of cargo and mail, nearly three times as much as the DC-9s at present on the European routes.

Swissair also scheduled to continue textile talks with Macao (due to start Sept. 21), the Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Brazil, Yugoslavia and Egypt.

It has already signed accords with COLOMBIA, Thailand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Guatemala, Uruguay, Haiti, Mexico, Romania, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria.

Thailand is the only member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to have struck a deal with the EEC. The "hard-line" states of Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines and Indonesia are maintaining their opposition.

Soviet imports from U.S. up 87%

MOSCOW, Sept. 15 (R) — U.S. exports to the Soviet Union rose by 87 percent in the first half of 1982 over the year ago period, largely due to increased grain sales, the U.S. Embassy commercial office said.

The embassy said in a trade report, agricultural exports, primarily grain shipments, represented \$1.64 billion of total American sales to Moscow of \$1.99 billion, adding January to June agricultural sales were more than double last year's figure.

President Ronald Reagan excluded grain sales from sanctions imposed against Moscow following the declaration of martial law in Poland last year.

U.S. industrial output declines

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (Agencies) — The United States index of industrial production dipped 0.5 percent last month — the 11th drop over the past 13 months, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board announced here Wednesday.

The Fed said the output of consumer goods fell 1.2 percent in August after showing 0.9 percent increases over the previous three months.

Automobile output was down 16 percent on an annual basis to 5.5 million units and capital goods production was also down.

The Fed added that the industrial production index had risen by 0.1 percent in July instead of dropping by the same amount, as previously reported.

U.S.-Saudi group saves aircraft unit

BELFAST, Sept. 15 (AP) — A U.S.-Saudi Arabian consortium headed by Denver, Colo., banker Boh Burch took over the cash-starved Lear Fan Aircraft Company in Belfast on Wednesday, injecting 50 million pounds (\$85.5 million) to save it from collapse, the government announced.

Northern Ireland Industry Minister Adam Butler, making the announcement, said: "This is a vote of confidence in the plane, the work force and Northern Ireland as a place to invest."

The deal refines production of the Lear Fan executive plane, widely considered to be more economical and faster than its competitors. The project would have nosedived if the company, set up in 1980 by the British government and U.S. interests, had folded.

Butler said the 560-strong work force will likely be increased to 2,800 by 1987, a major boost for this strife-torn province where unemployment currently is pegged at 120,000, or one worker in five.

Burch becomes the chief executive of the company, which ran into cash-flow problems earlier this year. The American, who also has oil and real estate interests in the United States, said: "The first step of survival is over. We're happy to be involved in the project."

OECD prices rise by 8.1%

PARIS, Sept. 15 (AFP) — Consumer prices in the 24-member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) rose by 8.1 percent over the 12 months to July, the best result since 1978, OECD said Wednesday.

This compared with a 8.6 percent increase over the year ended in June. The rise over six months in July was also slightly down, at 3.9 percent.

Japan again showed by far the best result with its consumer price index declining by 0.7 percent compared with June, giving a 12-month rate of only 1.7 percent and a six-month increase of a mere 0.3 percent.

The next best results were recorded by Austria (5.5 and 2.6 percent) and West Germany (5.6 and 2.7 percent). Also, below the average were Switzerland (6 percent over 12 months), the Netherlands (6.1 percent) and the United States (6.5 percent).

Among the "big seven" industrial powers, Britain, at 8.7 percent, was slightly above the average, while three countries still recorded double-digit figures — Canada (10.8 percent), France (11.9 percent) and Italy (16 percent).

The combined rate for European OECD countries came out at 10.7 percent, while the European Economic Community (EEC) brought its rate down to 10 percent for the 12

Eurodollar rates stay firm

J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Sept. 15 — The American currency was fairly steady on the European Exchanges Wednesday after closing on the New York markets Tuesday night. Eurodollar deposit rates remained firm boosted by a continuing steady Federal Reserve "Fed fund" prime lending rate of around 19 1/2 - 10 1/2 percent at the highest with no signs of the major commercial banks still thinking of cutting back on their prime lending rates. The Eurodollar deposit market Wednesday saw dollar interest rates remain at fairly high level of around 11 7/16-11 9/16 percent for the one-month tenor and around 13 1/2-13 3/4 percent for the one-year period.

In the bullion market gold and silver prices steadied at around Tuesday closing levels with gold closing at \$443 on Wednesday and silver at \$8.89 1/2 levels. Trading was thin and erratic and bullion dollars were forecasting some further small falls if Eurodollar deposit rates continued to firm.

In the local markets rial deposit rates were generally firm taking the one-month JIBOR to 10 1/2-10 3/4 percent but reaching

11 percent levels on Wednesday. The week-fixed deposit was once again popular and dealt at 10 1/4-11 percent levels in some brisk dealing at Jeddah bourses.

In the longer periods the one-year was quoted at 12-12 1/2 percent with some institutions dealing in that tenor compared to inactivity on Tuesday. In the longer periods in the local exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates fell back to 3.4400-05 levels by close of business reflecting a fall in the dollars value on the European exchanges. This compares with the 3.4405-15 levels reached on Tuesday in London, sterling traded quietly at 1.7125 levels. While the German mark rose to 2.5010 levels-up by 100 points. The French franc was 200 points higher at 7.0810, while the Swiss franc was also stronger at 2.1310 levels. The yen was unchanged at 262.90 levels.

LONDON — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	442.50
Paris	436.14
Frankfurt	443.02
Zurich	443.75
Hong Kong	444.91

French green franc devaluation urged

BRUSSELS, Sept. 15 (R) — The European Commission proposed devaluations of the French, Belgian and Luxembourg green francs to take effect at the beginning of the relevant marketing years for each agricultural product, a commission spokesman said.

The proposal, which will be discussed by community farm ministers next Monday, is for a 6.3235 percent devaluation of France's green franc, and for a 4.4323 percent devaluation of the Belgian and Luxembourg green francs, he said.

If approved by the farm ministers the proposal will reduce to zero the present negative monetary compensatory amounts applied by all three countries, the spokesman said.

to between seven and eight percent by the end of 1983, for an average rate for the year of 8-1/2 percent, assistant chief economist John D. Parish said. In a speech before the Canadian Window and Door manufacturers association here, Parish said he expects real gross national product to increase in the second half of 1982.

LONDON, (AP) — Print Union leaders voted to shut down Britain's major newspapers on Sept. 22, backing a nationwide one-day protest called by the Trades Union Congress to support striking health workers. Leaders of the National Graphical Association, a major print union, decided to order its 116,500 members not to report to work at national newspapers in fleet street or at regional morning newspapers Sept. 21.

ROME, (R) — Italian gross domestic product fell a real 1.5 percent in the second quarter of this year after rising 1.2 percent in the first quarter, the National Economic Studies Institute, ISCO said. The first quarter rise was revised downward from 1.4 percent provisionally estimated earlier. Year on year GDP rose 0.5 percent from second quarter 1981.

BRIEFS

DETROIT, (AFP) — Sales by the top three U.S. auto makers were 28.6 percent down in the first 10 days of this month as against a year earlier. Sales were 104,227 vehicles against 145,907 in the same period last year. The latest figures mean that so far this year these companies have sold 3,755,611 units or 13 percent fewer than the equivalent period in 1981.

LONDON, (AFP) — The British group RK Textiles announced linking with another British group, Bridon, to convert and promote the new carbon fiber material, to be made at a Scottish plant which is now under construction and will be Europe's largest of its kind. They are forming Bridon composites which will weave, knit and braid the material, and also produce a version which can be used to reinforce thermoplastics.

BRUSSELS, (R) — The Belgian national bank's foreign currency reserves rose 11.2 billion francs to 102.4 billion in the week to Sept. 13, the bank's weekly balance sheet showed. The bank's reserves in ECUS rose 7.3 billion francs to 44.4 billion.

TORONTO, (R) — Bank of Montreal expects the Canadian inflation rate to decline

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:20 p.m. Wednesday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.13
Bangladesh Taka		15.23
Belgian Franc (1,000)		71.80
Canadian Dollar		277.50
Deutsche Mark (100)	137.75	137.62
Dutch Guilder (100)	126.00	125.75
Egyptian Pound	3.25	3.40
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.50	93.70
French Franc (100)	49.00	48.82
Greek Drachma (1,000)	46.25	48.95
Indian Rupee (100)		35.60
Iranian Rial (100)	6.00	
Iraqi Dinar	24.70	24.50
Italian Lira (10,000)		13.15
Japanese Yen (1,000)		9.56
Jordanian Dinar	9.61	11.83
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.86	12.90
Lebanese Lira (100)	74.00	72.90
Moroccan Dirham (100)	54.50	55.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)		27.75
Philippines Peso (100)		40.15
Pound Sterling	5.92	5.90
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)		159.00
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		30.55
Swiss Franc (100)	161.75	161.60
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On Porter's homer

Cardinals slip back into premier position

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP) — Darrell Porter's two-run homer in the fourth inning and the combined five-hit pitching of John Stuper and Bruce Sutter carried St. Louis to a 2-0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday night and sent the Cardinals back into first place in the National League East.

The Phillies had taken over the lead Monday night behind Steve Carlton's 20th victory of the season, but Tuesday night's loss dropped them back to second by a half-game. Stuper, 7-6, was knocked out in the eighth after pinch-hitter Bob Molinaro walked with one out and advanced to second on Pete Rose's single. Sutter gave up an infield hit to Gary Matthews to load the bases, but got Mike Schmidt to bounce back to the mound into an inning-ending double play and finished up to record his league-leading 32nd save.

Mike Krukow, 12-10, who had two of Philadelphia's five hits, allowed seven hits in 7 1/3 innings.

Elsewhere in the NL, Richie Hebner and Bill Madlock blasted Grand Slam home runs in consecutive innings as the Pittsburgh Pirates, trailing 4-0, stormed back to rout Chicago 15-5.

Al Oliver drove in two runs with a pair of singles and Charlie Lea limited New York to six hits in 6 1/3 innings as Montreal defeated

the Mets 3-1 for their fourth straight victory. Mike Lacoss gave up just two hits over seven innings and Jose Cruz homered to give Houston a 4-0 triumph over Atlanta.

In the American League, Milwaukee's Don Money homered and tripled, driving in three runs to lead the Brewers to a 6-3 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Benny Ayala's single capped a two-run eighth-inning rally that led Baltimore to a 5-4 win over New York in the first game of a two-night doubleheader. Cal Ripken's Grand Slam home run in the fifth inning led the Orioles to a 5-3 victory over the Yankees in the second game.

Glenn Hoffman and Carney Lansford homered to lead Boston over Cleveland 12-1. Bill Castro won his first game as a starter in seven years and Hal McRae tied the Major League record for runs batted by a designated hitter in a season with his 121st to lead Kansas City over Seattle 5-2.

Doug Decinces smashed two singles and a double and drove in a first-inning run in help California to a 7-0 win over Chicago. Jack O'Connor hurled a four-hitter as Minnesota beat Texas 3-2.

In late NL action on the west coast, Fernando Valenzuela fired a six-hitter and Ken Landreaux singled, doubled and tripled to lead Los Angeles to a 1-0 win.

Kallicharran first to reach 2,000

LONDON, Sept. 15 (R) — Former West Indian Test batsman Alvin Kallicharran became the first player to score 2,000 runs in English First Class Cricket this season when he hit his eighth century of the summer in the County Cricket Championship Tuesday.

But despite his efforts Warwickshire lost by 37 runs to Hampshire at Southampton to finish the season without a championship win for the first time since they joined in 1895. Kallicharran made 131, with a six and 14 fours, as Warwickshire made a brave attempt at reaching their 377-run target.

Zimbabwean Brian Davison was another man to finish the loser Tuesday despite hitting a century. His unbeaten 100 against Kent was his seventh first class century of the season for Leicestershire, equalling a record set for the County by Willie Watson and Les Berry.

England's David Gower weighed in with 80 but Leicestershire, who came close to snatching the championship from Middlesex, fell 39 runs short of their target. Derek Underwood and Graham Dilley did the damage. Underwood took five for 80 and Dilley four for 45 for match figures of 10 for 116.

How they finished

	P	W	L	D	Runs
Middlesex (4)	22	12	8	2	325
Leicestershire (8)	22	10	8	4	286
Hants (7)	22	8	6	8	238
Notts (1)	22	7	7	8	221
Surrey (6)	22	6	6	10	214
Somerset (3)	22	6	6	10	213
Essex (5)	22	5	5	12	212
Sussex (12)	22	6	7	9	207
Northants (15)	22	5	3	14	195
Yorkshire (10)	22	5	1	16	179
Derby (12)	22	4	3	15	173
Gloucestershire (16)	22	4	3	15	167
Kent (9)	22	3	4	15	166
Worcestershire (11)	22	3	5	14	141
Gloucester (13)	22	2	9	11	133
Glamorgan (14)	22	1	8	13	119
Warwickshire (17)	22	0	8	14	111

(Worcester total includes 12 points from a match reduced to one innings and last year's placings in brackets.)

Leonard may respond to the gong

HOT SPRINGS, Arkansas, Sept. 15 (AP) — Boxer Sugar Ray Leonard, who has been out of the ring for four months after eye surgery, says he will decide in about two months whether he will resume his career.

"That'll be almost exactly six months after the operation," the world welterweight champion said Tuesday. "My vision now is 20-20, and I don't anticipate any problem with the eye." Leonard underwent surgery in May for a detached retina.

"Every day I stay away from boxing the chances are less that I will return," Leonard said at a news conference, adding that he has found that he doesn't miss boxing. "I don't get the urge any more. Maybe that's a good sign," he said.

Leonard said money wouldn't be a factor in his decision and that he didn't think he had anything left to prove as a fighter. Leonard has a 32-1 career record. He said the World Boxing Council and the World Boxing Association haven't pressured him to resume his career. "They've been quite lenient with me and quite understanding," he said.

Jones too good

In London, Colin Jones of Wales scored a second round knockout over Sakaria Ve of Fiji to retain his British Commonwealth Welterweight Boxing title at Wembley Arena Tuesday.

Jones, ranked No. 6 in the world, hit Ve with a left upper cut to the head and the Fijian never looked like beating the count. He was counted out after only 45 seconds of the round in a scheduled 15-round contest. Jones, 66.2 kilos, extended his record to 23-1, while Ve at 66.7 kilos, from Suva, suffered his first defeat in three years.

The 23-year-old Welshman was making his first defense of the title he won by stopping Mark Harris of Guyana in the ninth round in March 1981. Jones had been out of action for 10 months, following an appendix operation and a right-hand injury, but looked



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Major League standings									
American League Eastern Division					National League Eastern Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB	
Milwaukee	85	60	.586	—	St. Louis	80	63	.559	—
Baltimore	83	61	.576	1 1/2	Philadelphia	80	64	.556	1/2
Boston	80	64	.556	4 1/2	Montreal	78	65	.545	3
New York	73	71	.507	11 1/2	Pittsburgh	77	67	.533	3 1/2
Detroit	72	70	.507	11 1/2	Chicago	62	83	.428	19
Cleveland	70	73	.490	14	New York	56	85	.397	23
Toronto	65	78	.454	19					
Western Division					Western Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB	
Kansas City	83	61	.576	—	Los Angeles	82	64	.562	—
California	82	62	.569	1	Atlanta	80	65	.552	1 1/2
Chicago	76	67	.531	6 1/2	San Francisco	75	69	.521	6
Seattle	67	76	.469	15 1/2	San Diego	74	71	.510	7 1/2
Oakland	60	83	.419	22 1/2	Houston	67	78	.462	14 1/2
Texas	57	87	.396	26	Cincinnati	54	91	.372	27 1/2

far from rusty. He easily took the first round and then dumped Ve in his own corner early in the second.

Ve, 27, the South Pacific champion, suffered his fifth defeat in 44 fights since turning professional in 1975. He was making his third unsuccessful bid for the Commonwealth crown.

In the main support fight, Tony Sibson of Britain, the No. 1 contender for Marvin Hagler's undisputed middleweight title, kept active by beating Chilean champion Antonio



Leonard...the eye is shaping well

Garrido, who retired at the end of the eighth of 10 scheduled rounds.

Sibson, the 24-year-old European and British Commonwealth champion, completely dominated the fight, banging away with his left hand almost at will.

Garrido, 29, from Santiago, at 73.4 kilos, had won his last six fights. But he seldom found the time or space to be the aggressor against Sibson, victor in all but four of his 52 professional outings.

Sibson, from Leicester, at 73.2 kilos, opened cuts around Garrido's left eye and

nose in the fourth round and it was those cuts, particularly one over the eyebrow, that forced Garrido's retirement.

Mustafa bout

Meanwhile, former World Boxing Association light heavyweight champion Eddie Mustafa Muhammad will face the World Boxing Council's No. 1 contender, Lotte Mwale of Zambia, in a 10-round bout Oct. 2, the Showboat Hotel announced in Las Vegas Tuesday.

Mustafa Muhammad, the WBA's No. 1 contender, enters with a 40-6-1 record with 33 knockouts. The 30-year-old has had one fight this year, defeating Pablo Ramos by a decision last month.

Mwale has a 22-1 record with 19 knockouts. He also has fought just once this year, stopping Chisandu Mudi in July. Mustafa Muhammad held the WBA 175-pound (79-kg) crown from March 1980 to July 1981. He was dethroned by current champion Michael Spinks.

Mwale fought once for the title but lost to former WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad in 1980.

WBA chief dies

Rodrigo Colon Sanchez president of the World Boxing Association, died Tuesday after a two-year bout with cancer, a spokesman for Panama City's Social Security hospital said. He was 55.

A former track athlete and basketball player, Sanchez dedicated much of his life to sports administration. He headed the Panama Boxing Commission and the World Boxing Association's ranking committee before becoming president of the Panamabased association in 1979.

H.W.O. Kopper of South Africa, first vice president of the association, has been its acting president since Sanchez became seriously ill two months ago. A new president is due to be elected at the association's October convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Unseeded Spaniard upsets Barazzutti in opening match

PALERMO, Sicily, Sept. 15 (AP) — Jose Garcia, an unseeded 27-year-old Spaniard, upset Italian Davis Cup veteran Corrado Barazzutti in the first round Tuesday of the \$100,000 Volvo Tennis Tournament.

Garcia, ranked 89th in the World Professional Players standings, downed Barazzutti 6-4, 1-6, 6-2. Another Spaniard, Jose Lopez Maeso, eliminated Alejandro Pierola of Chile after three hard-fought sets, 5-7, 7-6, 7-5. The tournament, which began Monday on clay courts, has been marred by rain and several matches were running behind schedule.

Top players in the competition that will award \$15,000 to the winner of Sunday's singles final were second-seeded Andres Gomez of Ecuador, No. 3, Balazs Taroczy of Hungary, No. 4, John Alexander of Australia, No. 5, Pablo Arraya of Argentina and Italian veteran Adriano Panatta.

Top-seeded Jose Higueras withdrew from the tournament at the last moment, saying he was suffering from a liver ailment.

In other first-round play: Tonino Zugarelli of Italy defeated Mauro Cancellotti of Italy, 6-1, 7-6; Diego Perez of Uruguay beat Carlos Castellan of Argentina, 6-3, 7-6; Gianluca Rinaldi of Italy defeated Jose Luis Damiani of Uruguay, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; and Claudio Panatta of Italy ousted Florin Segarceanu of Romania, 6-1, 6-1.

Meanwhile, the fourth-seeded team of Victor Amaya and Hank Pfister survived a three-set, first-round battle Tuesday in the \$200,000 Lipton World of Doubles Tennis Championship, outlasting Jim Gurfiein and drew Gitlin, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Amaya and Pfister were runnersup at the U.S. Open last week and stopped Gurfiein and Gitlin by breaking Gurfiein's service in the sixth game of the final set.

Meanwhile, the Australian team of Mark Edmondson and Kim Warwick, seeded third, beat Matt Doyle, of the United States, and David Carter, Australia, 6-3, 7-6. Edmondson and Warwick made an early first-set lead hold up but lost a 4-1 advantage in the second.

Sixth-seeded Brian Gottfried, of the United States, and Raul Ramirez, Mexico, beat a pair of qualifiers from Florida,

Mifsud, Kearney make grade

CALGARY, Canada, Sept. 15 (AP) — Jim Bear of Canada and Terry Parsons of Britain both lost Tuesday, but their spots in the quarterfinals of the World Amateur Snooker Championships were already assured.

The eight quarterfinalists begin their best-of-nine matches Wednesday. Parsons, in Group 2, of the round-robin event, and Bear, in Group 3, were among four players who finished with records of seven wins and a loss. Paddy Brown of Dublin, Ireland, in Group 2, and Malcolm Bradley of Workshop, England, in Group 3, also had 7-1 marks.

The other four qualifiers finished with 6-2 records. They were Joe Grech and Paul Mifsud, both of Malta, Anthony Kearney of Dundalk, Ireland, and Wayne Jones of Britain. Bear, Parsons and Grech qualified Monday but the other five had to wait until Tuesday to take spots in the quarterfinals.

In Group 1 competition Tuesday, Peter Kippie of Edinburgh, Scotland, defeated Kearney 4-1. Syed Habib of Madras, India, beat Liu Yew-Keong of Singapore 4-1. Dene O'Kane of Auckland, New Zealand, defe-

Zdravko Mincek and Gordon Jones, 6-1, 6-2, in 53 minutes.

Earlier in the day, Stan Smith and Bob Lutz were eliminated by Marty Davis of San Jose and Chris Dunu 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. Smith and Lutz are holders of four U.S. Open titles and the runnerup team in this tournament each of the past two years.

In other first round action, Americans Tracy Delatte and Mel Purcell glided past Marcos Hocevar and Joao Soares, Brazil, 6-4, 6-3, and Schalk Van Der Merwe and Freddie Sauer, South Africa, defeated Andrew Jarrett and Jonathon Smith, Britain, 6-7, 6-1, 6-4.

Top stars for Khobar rugby

By Jean Grant
Alkhorbar Bureau

ALKHOBAR, Sept. 15 — The largest rugby tournament ever held in Saudi Arabia takes place Sept. 17 at the Al Gosaibi Hotel Recreation Center.

"This is the first time every team in Saudi Arabia will be at the same tournament," said Tony Lund, captain of the Khobar Eagles Rugby Football Club which is hosting the tournament. Sixteen teams from Jeddah, Riyadh, Kobar, Dhahran, Jubail, Yanbu, Taif, Tabuk, Ras Tanura, Khams Mushait, Udhailiyah, and Abou Ali as well as the neighboring gulf state of Bahrain will compete in 32 games of 15 minutes each.

Play will commence at 9 a.m. at the pitch opposite the Al Gosaibi Hotel and continue until the championship game at 5:10 p.m. The first teams to play in the Seven-A-Side tournament will be Ras Tanura and Taif, in accordance with the draw made by the Gulf Foot-ball Referees Society.

Spectators are welcome and there is no admission charge. At the end of play the trophies will be presented by a representative of the Ministry of Youth Welfare for the Eastern Province. Sheikh Ahmed and Suleiman Al Gosaibi will attend the presentation.

The tournament sets rolling the Khobar Eagles RFC season which continues until mid-March.

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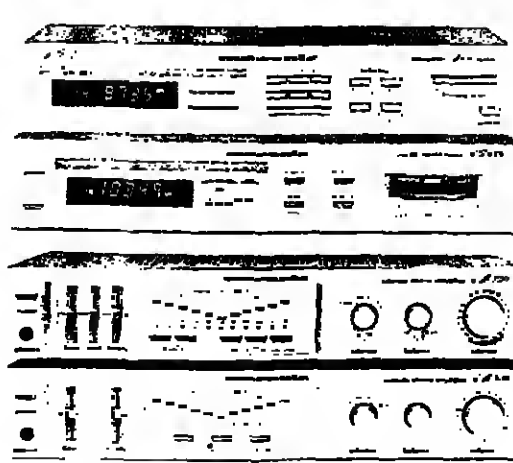
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In European soccer

Villa, Liverpool hold advantage

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP) — Aston Villa, bidding to keep the European Champions' Cup in England for a seventh consecutive year, Wednesday began its defense of the trophy with a 3-1 win over Besiktas of Turkey at Villa Park.

Peter Wotho, Tony Morley and Dennis Mortimer scored for Villa in the first 29 minutes, but the goals were met only by eerie silence. The match was played behind closed doors following previous crowd trouble involving supporters of the English club.

Mehmet Eksi grabbed a 61st minute consolation goal for the Istanbul team, but Besiktas still faces a tough task when the second leg of the first round contest is played in Turkey on Sept. 25.

Three-time European champion Liverpool, the other English entry in the premier competition for European clubs, already is almost certain of a place in the second round.

Liverpool won 4-1 away to Dundalk of the Republic of Ireland Tuesday riding goals from Ronnie Whelan (2), Ian Rush and David Hodgson. Leo Flanagan got a late

strike for Dundalk.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, FC Baia Mare of Romania marked its European debut by holding Real Madrid of Spain, most experienced of all-European campaigners, to a 0-0 draw.

Soccer results	
English League Cup	
Aldershot	0 (0-3) Colchester
Blackpool	5 (7-2) Chester
Bolton	4 (7-3) Carlisle
Bournemouth	3 (5-2) Plymouth
Bristol City	2 (3-2) Swindon
Burnley	3 (8-4) Bury
Doncaster	0 (1-2) Huddersfield
Fulham	4 (4-3) Southend
Grimsby	0 (0-1) Cuthbert
Hull	1 (2-3) Sheff. United
Newport	6 (8-1) Exeter
Northampton	2 (4-2) Millwall
Portsmouth	1 (0-3) Crystal Palace
Reading	1 (2-1) Walsall
Rochdale	2 (2-1) Port Vale
Shrewsbury	2 (2-1) Wrexham
Scottish Division One	
Dunfermline	1 Raith
Queen Park	1 Clyde
Division Two	
St. Johnstone	1 Albion

Tottenham hotspur of England, beaten in the semifinals last year, won 3-0 away to Coleraine of Northern Ireland with goals from Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks (2).

West German World Cup star Paul Breitner scored the second half equaliser as Bayern Munich rallied to draw 1-1 with Torpedo Moscow, who had led through Valery Petrakov.

Spartak Moscow rallied from 0-2 down to beat Arsenal 3-1 in a UEFA cup match Tuesday and there were a number of other close finishes in that competition early Wednesday.

Dynamo Tbilisi edged Napoli of Italy 2-1 with goals from Nodar Khizanashvili and World Cup star Ramaz Shengelia. Argentine World Cup striker Ramon Diaz got the only goal for Napoli.

Fiorentina was another Italian club to suffer a first-leg defeat. Despite taking an early lead through Francesco Graziani, the Florence Club lost 1-3 away to the Romanians of Universitatea of Craiova.

Irked over manner of being dropped

Keegan vows not to play for England again

NEWCASTLE, Northern England, Sept. 15 (AP) — Former England captain Kevin Keegan vowed Wednesday that he would not play for his country again after being dumped by Bobby Robson in his first action as manager.

"I'm finished with England. I'll never kick a ball for my country again," Keegan told England's *Sun* newspaper. England has never seen a more delighted skipper than Kevin Keegan. Nobody has worn an international shirt with so much pride.

"And I never thought I would see the day when anybody could sour my ambition to play for England until I dropped. But Bobby Robson has done just that," he said.

Robson, who took over from Ron Greenwood after the World Cup, omitted Keegan and England's World Cup captain Mick Mills from the squad for a European Championship match in Denmark Wednesday.

He admitted leaving the pair out was a difficult job, but he pointed out that the 31-year-old Keegan had injury problems for several months, including a mystery back complaint which kept him out of all but one of England's World Cup matches. Robson emphasized that Keegan and Mills might be selected in the future if their form permitted it.

"This is not the end for him by a long way. I might well decide in the future that I need to turn back to more experienced players to steady the younger element. It would be wrong to assume this is the end for either Kevin or Mick, you can never write off players of true international class," said Robson.

He concluded: "I know what Kevin has been to the international scene and the England team. He has been a great example, a high class player and there could still be a place for him in the future. He is such a dynamic influence."

"After his World Cup disappointments he is now working his way back to fitness with Newcastle, doing his bit for them. I felt in the circumstances it was better to leave him out rather than ask too much of him at this stage."

Keegan, who recently joined Second Division club Newcastle United at a reported salary of 3,000 pounds a week, was not satisfied with Robson's explanation. "In my opinion the way he has handled the whole issue is disgraceful," Keegan told the *Sun*.

"It isn't the fact that I have been left out. But the way I have been discarded has irked me much more. I would have thought that after all these years and 60 caps, and the way I have never flinched in my determination to

put England commitments before everything else, I deserve better than to have had to learn about my omission indirectly through the media."

"The first I heard of it was when my Newcastle boss Arthur Cox called me in after the squad had been announced to the newspapers. A call from the England manager beforehand would have made all the difference," Keegan said.

Mills, 33, who played under Robson for several years with First Division Ipswich, said he was "stunned" by the axing of Keegan. "He is the best player in his position in the country," he said. Mills, however, had no criticism of his own omission: "I accept my international career is over," he said.

Earlier Tuesday, Newcastle manager Cox had retorted that Keegan would fight his way back into the England side as the north-east reeled under the announcement that their new footballing star was left out by Robson.

"The lad will bounce back. It will act as a stimulus, he is that sort of player," said Cox, who admitted that the news had left him "absolutely stunned."

"The whole of Tyneside will be annoyed because they have taken Kevin to their hearts," Cox added, before helping Keegan elude a posse of cameramen at the club's Benwell training ground.

Chaos reigns as Delhi gets set for Asiad

NEW DELHI, Sept. 15 (AP) — With the ninth Asian Games barely two months away, the "Trial Games" now being conducted here are off and lurching.

The trial Games will test India's finest athletes and help determine the makeup of its teams. They are, however, mainly intended to test out the numerous facilities built in the Indian capital especially for the prestigious games that open Nov. 19 and are expected to draw teams from 32 countries.

Some of the facilities are still under construction, despite earlier promises they would be ready by July, and those finished are proving to be less than perfect.

The test Games themselves were put off for a month because few of the 19 venues were ready — including the 85,000-seat main Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, still receiving its finishing touches.

Track events scheduled at the stadium were canceled because of continuing construction. The new concrete stadium, which also will host the opening and closing ceremonies, was expected to see its first competition late Wednesday when football matches were to begin, according to Asiad Public Relations Director Tarlochan Singh.

The huge Hungarian-made scoreboard at Nehru Stadium still is not functioning. Several microchip "cards" in the computer that operates the scoreboard burned out during testing some time back. However, "the Hungarians are here now" and working on the problem, and the scoreboard is expected to be ready in time for Asiad, he said.

The new Talkatora Swimming pool also is not ready due to ground water seepage prob-

lems. However, Singh said he was confident it would be in shape by mid-October when additional swimming competition will test the pool. "It will be sometime after Oct. 10," he said.

In the meantime, the test matches were being held at the old National Stadium pool where India's ace swimmers have complained that the water is so murky they could not see the black lines painted at the bottom that designate lanes.

There were several minor problems at the Hall of Sports where the table tennis competition was held, Singh said, but these have now been overcome. He noted that the players complained because the building is not air-conditioned.

At the Yamuna Cycling Velodrome, one of the Games' prize facilities, there was confusion reported at the start of the competition when two teams failed to participate. Those that did later complained of both pot holes and bumps in the track. Also, one day's competition was unexpectedly postponed.

Similar confusion reigned at the Talkatora Indoor Stadium when the basketball competition began Sunday. Reporters saw players, coaches and officials milling around, with no one apparently certain who was supposed to be playing whom — or when.

When the badminton competition opened in the Indraprastha Indoor Stadium, a clamor was raised over the lighting. S.R. Chadha, a delegate of the International Badminton Federation, complained that the lighting did not meet technical specifications.

The firing range also was quieter than expected. The machine India ordered from

France to make clay pigeons has not arrived. The games organizing committee ordered 30,000 ready-made clay pigeons from Japan, but they have been delayed. So the trap and skeet shooting events have been postponed.

"The clay pigeons will be here in two or three days," Singh said Wednesday. He added that the pigeon-making machine is expected to arrive well before the Asiad opens, and there will be "plenty of pigeons" for the international competition.

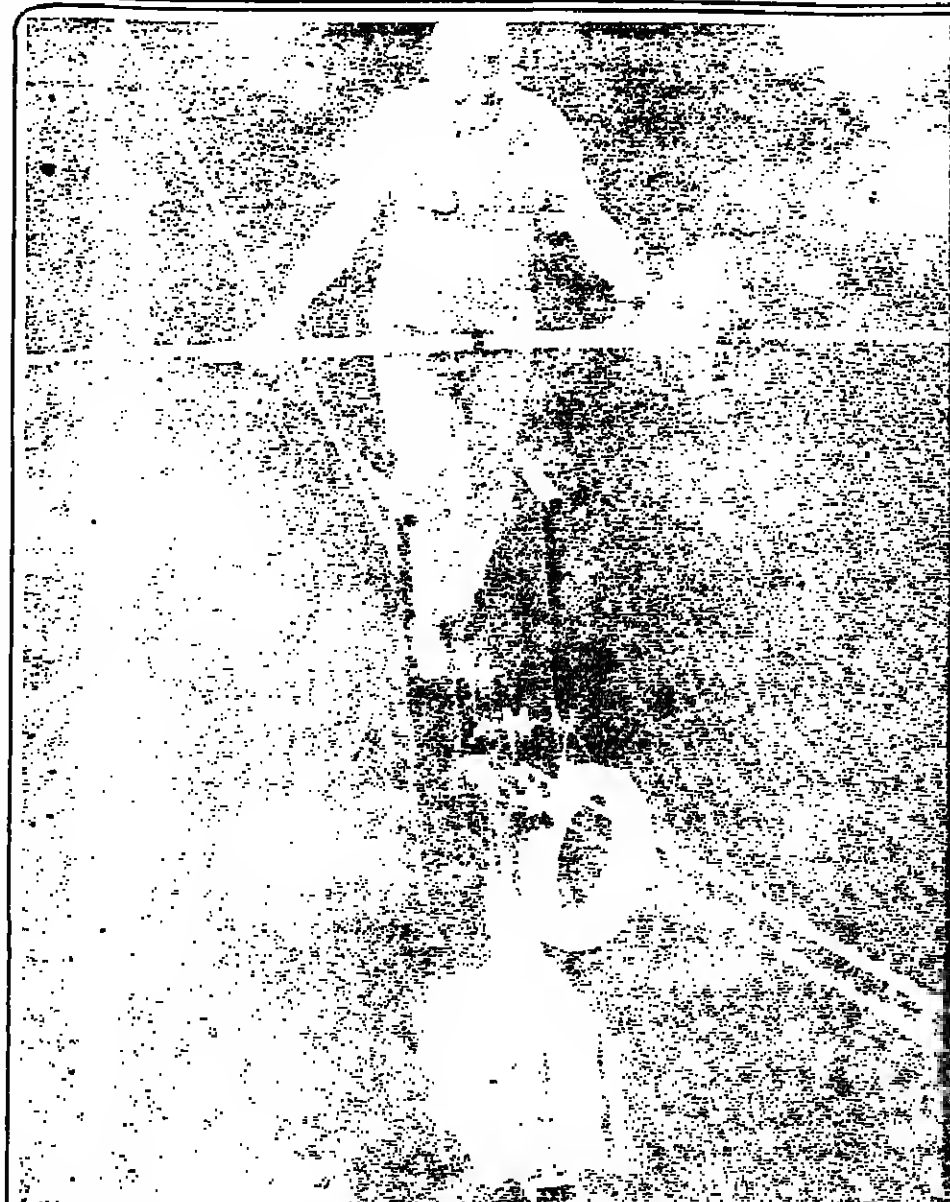
Hungarian girls trounce Holland

LIMA, Peru Sept. 15 (AP) — Peru, Canada, Hungary, Cuba, Japan, Bulgaria, South Korea, China and the United States won first-round games Tuesday in the ninth World Women's Volleyball Championships under way in six Peruvian cities.

In Group 'A' action in Lima, Peru easily defeated Nigeria 3-0 in 20 minutes while Canada eased by Indonesia 3-0 in 31 minutes. In Trujillo, Hungary beat Holland 3-0 in 50 minutes in Group 'B' while Cuba trounced Argentina by the same score in 37 minutes.

Japan beat Mexico 3-0 in 49 minutes in Tacna, while Bulgaria dumped Spain 3-0 in 49 minutes in Tacna, both in Group 'C'. In Group 'E' in Arequipa, South Korea defeated Paraguay 3-0 in 45 minutes.

In Group 'F' in Chiclayo, China defeated Italy 3-0 in 41 minutes while the United States eased by Puerto Rico by the same score in 40 minutes.



WALK, DON'T RUN: Fiftyone-year-old French cable walker Henry Rechin has the spectators spellbound as he successfully completes a 250-meter walk on a cable hooked over the 100-meter deep 'Boson Hole' near Rodez, Central France recently.

World Cup Badminton Padukone, Frost have it easy

KUALA LUMPUR, (AFP) — Defending champion Prakash Padukone of India and Morten Hansen Frost of Denmark began their campaigns in the second World Cup Badminton Championships with easy victories here Wednesday. Padukone beat Steve Baddeley of England 15-11, 15-6, while Hansen had an easier 15-5, 15-1 win over another Englishman, Kevin Jolly.

Koreans bag crown
SEOUL, (AFP) — Hosts South Korea won the 27th World Amateur Baseball Championships by defeating Japan 5-2 in their final game here Wednesday. The Koreans won eight games against one defeat, while Japan finished second with seven victories and two defeats in the ten-nation contest. The United States and Taiwan shared third place.

3-member team for Taipei
JEDDAH, (CNA) — A three-member Saudi team led by Kaamel Abdul Rahman Al-Abbasi, left here Tuesday for Taipei to take part in an International Invitational Track and Field Meet scheduled for Sept. 18-21. The team, sent by the Saudi Arabian Track and Field Federation, includes two athletes: Saud Abdullah Al-Hamad (high jump), and Adel Hilal Bashier (pole vault).

Sri Lanka sparks
NEW DELHI (AFP) — A cavalier 95 in 66 balls by K. Srikanth led India to a six-wicket victory over the touring Sri Lanka in the second One-day International here to clinch the three-match series 2-0. The Indians had won in Amritsar by 78 runs. A sparkling 102 by Roy Dias and a brisk 74 from Sidat Wettimuny saw Sri Lanka total 278 for eight. India bypassed the total with a degree of comfort.

All for the Games
ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — Pakistan's government has decided to allow 800 Pakistani nationals to visit India for up to 20 days for viewing the Asian Games in New Delhi from Nov. 19 to Dec. 4. Application should be routed through regional passport offices at Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and Quetta.

U.S. start favorites
LAUSANNE, Switzerland, (R) — A formidable U.S. team are favored to retain their men's World Amateur Team Golf title on the 6,300 meters, par-72 Chale-A-Gobet course near here where the 13th championship begins Wednesday. The United States

won in Pinehurst, North Carolina, two years ago and they again have a strong quartet led by Jay Sigel, 39, the reigning U.S. amateur champion who is making his fourth consecutive appearance in the event.

Garcia forges ahead
MOSCOW (AP) — Cuban grand-master Guillermo Garcia won two adjourned games Tuesday to surge into the lead at the Moscow Inter-Zonal Chess Championship. Garcia defeated Miguel Quinteros of Argentina and Jacob Murey to earn two points, and raise his total to 5.5.

American team tops
TOKYO (AP) — The United States won the standard rifle fire 3 by 20 event Tuesday at the 23rd International Military Sports Council Shooting Championships held in Peking, China's official Xinhua news agency said. The U.S. team totaled 2,252 points to beat the Swiss that collected 2,206 points, it said.

Italians triumph
PORTO CERVO, (AFP) — Italy won the team prize in the Sardinian Cup International Yachting week, which ended here Tuesday with a last race consisting of an Olympic triangle of 26 miles. Italy finished 16.50 points ahead of the United States. Belgium was third.

NBA ruling on Malone favorable to Rockets

By Susan Saporito
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Sept. 15 — Kingman Brewster, the National Basketball Association's (NBA) special master, recently gave the Houston Rockets a favorable ruling regarding the controversy surrounding free-agent center Moses Malone.

Brewster granted the Rockets the right of first refusal and also invalidated one aspect of the \$13.2 million (\$R45 million) offer sheet Malone signed with the Philadelphia 76ers.

According to the ruling, the 76ers' offer sheet did not meet certain guidelines established by the Robertson Agreement between the NBA and the Players' Association.

Brewster also will rule on claims by the NBA and the Rockets that four other clauses of the offer sheet were illegal because they were designed to keep the Rockets from matching the 76ers' offer.

Under the right of first refusal, the player's original club has a certain amount of time in which to match the other club's offer. If the offer sheet is not matched, the player is allowed to sign with the other team.

After Brewster issues a ruling, expected to occur later in the week, the Rockets will have 24 hours in which to match the offer sheet.

Malone's attorneys, the NBA Players' Association and the 76ers have claimed that a clause in Malone's contract prohibits the transfer of the right of first refusal from one ownership of the Rockets to another. The Rockets are presently in the process of transferring ownership from the Malof family of Albuquerque, N.M., to Charlie Thomas of Houston.

In addition to ruling against this contention, Brewster ruled that a clause in the offer sheet entitling Malone to bonus money if he did not earn a fixed amount in outside endorsements does not have to be matched by Houston.

Rockets' General Manager Ray Patterson said he was not surprised by Brewster's initial ruling. "When we looked the contract over, we realized there were unique clauses in there designed to prevent the Rockets from matching the contract...they would have applied advantageously to only two or three teams in the league — and none of them were the Rockets."

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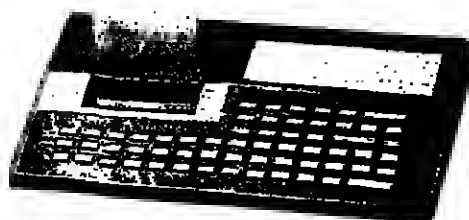
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As Lambsdorff pledges loyalty

West German coalition saved

BONN, Sept. 15 (R) — West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff, center of a row that could end Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's tattered left-liberal coalition, pledged his loyalty to government policy Wednesday, cabinet sources said.

They said Lambsdorff, a member of the Free Democratic Party (FDP), gave the pledge at a cabinet meeting in response to severe questioning from Schmidt about the minister's call for a drastic shift in economic policy. Finance Minister Manfred Lahnstein told reporters on leaving the session that "the cabinet still stands in its previous form." He

did not elaborate. The cabinet sources said Wednesday's exchanges had merely postponed a climax to the dispute between Schmidt's Social Democrats (SPD) and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's FDP — possibly only for a few days. Sources in both parties had earlier forecast the session could lead to Lambsdorff's removal and possibly to the end of the 13-year-old coalition.

The cabinet sources quoted Lambsdorff as saying his 34-page report on future economic policy was only meant as a contribution to the discussion of longer-term strategy and did

not violate agreed coalition policies.

Schmidt told the SPD parliamentary party Tuesday that the Lambsdorff proposals flagrantly contradicted government policy and showed the minister's "astonishing lack of analytical ability." The sources said the chancellor would have a private meeting with Lambsdorff Thursday night or Friday, once parliament had debated the first draft of the 1983 budget.

Genscher was quoted as assuring the chancellor in cabinet that the four liberal FDP ministers would continue to do their duty in the government. The sources said Schmidt gave a stern warning that all members must observe cabinet discipline and bear collective responsibility for government policy.

Several newspapers said Wednesday the coalition had reached the end of its 13 years in power. The liberal *Stuttgarter Zeitung* said Schmidt planned to sack Lambsdorff, and it commented in an editorial: "The coalition is at an end. Just about everyone in Bonn knows."

The right-wing daily *Die Welt* also said that after his attack on the economics minister Tuesday, Schmidt had no option but to sack him or lose all credibility.

If the four FDP ministers left the cabinet, Schmidt could continue to govern with a minority SPD administration unless the conservative opposition managed to topple him with a so-called constructive vote of no confidence. Under this complicated procedure, parliament would have simultaneously to elect a new chancellor, which means enough FDP members would have to vote with the opposition. The chancellor could seek to force the issue by asking the Bundestag (lower house) for a vote of confidence.

Rudolf Hess shifted for medical checkup

BERLIN, Sept. 15 (AFP) — Rudolf Hess, Hitler's one-time deputy, was Wednesday transferred from Spandau prison here to a British military hospital for a medical checkup. He is 88. Hess was given a life sentence in 1946 by the Nuremberg war crimes tribunal and is the last major Nazi criminal still in jail.

He is the only prisoner in Spandau, built last century to hold 500 men. The prison is alternatively run on a monthly basis by American, British, French and Soviet military personnel. There have been a number of campaigns in the past to free Hess, but they have always been blocked by Moscow.

Hess acted as secretary when Hitler wrote his book *Mein Kampf* and was later formally made deputy fuhrer. But he flew to Britain in 1941 on a mission which has never been adequately cleared up and Hitler declared him a traitor.

Meanwhile, former Gestapo officer Ernst Heinrichs, jailed in 1980 for his part in the murder of thousands of deportees from wartime France, has been granted early parole, a senior legal official said in Bamberg, West Germany.

North Korean leader to improve Peking ties

PEKING, Sept. 15 (AFP) — North Korean leader Kim Il Sung arrives here Thursday, apparently bent on improving ties with Communist China while keeping it at arm's length to safeguard Pyongyang's own independence. Kim, on his first visit to China since 1975, will be the first foreign leader to arrive since the Chinese Communist Party wound up its 12th congress last week.

(In a report monitored in Tokyo, the North Korean News Agency reported he had left Pyongyang Wednesday by a special train for the visit at the invitation of the Chinese party and government. He was accompanied by Defense Minister Oh Jin Woo and six other officials, the report said.)

His visit follows those to Pyongyang in 1978 by China's foremost leader Deng Xiaoping and former party chief Hua Guofeng. Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang went in December 1981 to repay a visit a few months earlier by his Korean counterpart Li Jong Ok. Nevertheless, Pyongyang appears intent on keeping its distance from both Peking and Moscow in an apparent bid to play a leading role in the nonaligned movement.

North Korea's northern border touches both Communist giants, while in the south, it must contend with the U.S. military presence in South Korea.

North Korea stuck closely to China's line during the 1960s, but edged closer to Moscow during the turmoil of the Cultural Revolution from 1966-76. The Red Guards labeled president Kim Il Sung bourgeois and revisionist.

Bilateral relations improved following a visit to Pyongyang by the late premier Chou En-lai in 1970, but North Korea has tried to chart an independent course between its two powerful Communist neighbors.

Thus, North Korea has condemned the Vietnamese intervention in Cambodia, but withheld comment on the Soviet move into Afghanistan. Pyongyang seems to be interested in a key role in the nonaligned movement, especially since the death of President Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia in 1980.

China has supported North Korea's stance on the reunification of the two Koreas, but has been relatively moderate in its criticism of the U.S. military presence in South Korea.



WALK TO MOSCOW: Kent Larrabee, 64, an American, holds up his bag at a press conference in Helsinki recently, after completing his share of the peace campaign called "The Walk to Moscow." Larrabee walked 2,000 miles, from Boston, America, to the Soviet-Finnish border, spreading a message against the possibility of a nuclear holocaust.

At Darwin trial

Lindy remarks recounted

DARWIN, Sept. 15 (R) — Lindy Chamberlain, charged with murdering her nine-week-old daughter Azaria, said after the baby disappeared that whatever happened was God's will, a witness at Mrs. Chamberlain's trial said Wednesday.

The prosecution in one of Australia's most sensational murder trials has alleged that Mrs. Chamberlain, 34, cut Azaria's throat in the front seat of the family car at a camp site in the central Australian desert two years ago.

Mrs. Chamberlain has said the infant was carried off from the family's tent by a dingo (wild dog). Her husband Michael, 38, a Seventh Day Adventist minister, is charged with being an accessory after the fact.

Alice Whitacker, who was camping with her family at the same site near the tourist attraction of Ayers Rock, said she had gone to comfort Mrs. Chamberlain after Azaria had disappeared from the tent. At that time a search was going on for the baby and for a dingo Mrs. Chamberlain said she had seen

leaving the tent.

Mrs. Whitacker said Mrs. Chamberlain told her: "God is good. Whatever happens is God's will." She had added:

She added that Michael Chamberlain had said the couple always wanted a daughter and that was why they had called her Azaria, which meant blessed of God. The prosecution has alleged that the theory a dingo killed Azaria — accepted by an earlier inquest — was a lie by Mrs. Chamberlain to conceal the truth.

In other evidence on the third day of the trial, police constable Francis Morris said searchers had found three sets of dog or dingo tracks around the camp site. He said some tracks were accompanied by what looked like a drag mark. Aboriginal trackers had shown him other tracks which also indicated something was being dragged, he added.

In reply to defense cross-examination, he said he believed from his experience with dingos that they could carry an object as heavy as nine and a half pounds (four kilos). "They could run with it," he said.

Marcos arrives in America

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP) — Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos arrived here Wednesday on his first visit in 16 years for discussions with U.S. President Ronald Reagan and other top officials on United States-Philippine defense and economic ties.

Marcos has said he expects to use the visit to review the long-standing defense relationship between the two countries. In a briefing for reporters before Marcos' arrival, American officials said they consider American military facilities at Clark Field and Subic Bay crucial for the defense of American interests in Asia as well as the Middle East.

Marcos, accompanied by his wife, Imelda, arrived at nearby Andrews Air Force Base

and planned a private afternoon and evening.

The highlight of Marcos' five-day visit will be his meeting Thursday with Reagan. Groups opposed to Marcos' authoritarian rule have vowed to stage protest demonstrations throughout his stay here.

U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified, acknowledged that the human rights situation in the Philippines is not perfect but said the lifting of martial law last year has led to an easing of political repression.

The officials refused to discuss the human rights situation further, saying the possibilities for further improvement will be enhanced if such matters are discussed privately with Filipino authorities.

Woman succumbs to Malaga burns

MALAGA, Spain Sept. 15 (AP) — A woman with burns over 90 percent of her body died Wednesday, bringing to 52 the death toll in the crash of a DC-10 jet as it was taking off, the civil governor's office said. The office said the woman had not been identified.

The civil governor's office and the Spanish Charter airline Spantex, meanwhile, released conflicting figures on the casualties from Monday's wreck. The governor's office said 51 persons were killed, with 13 missing and Spantex said 50 died with only four missing.

The victims were not identified, but sources hinted most were Americans. Some of the victims were said to be burned beyond recognition.

wedding ring. The body was badly distorted. Wazzan made the official announcement of the death just after 3 a.m. (0100 GMT), more than 11 hours after the explosion. The prime minister announced a seven-day mourning period for the slain leader.

"With great pain I received this terrible news that has shaken all feelings and caused our souls to fill with sorrow and pain," he said. "The feeling of sadness is felt by both Christians and Muslims alike because this is Lebanon's dignity and constitutes the essence of human dignity." Wazzan made no explanation for the delay in announcing the death.

Israel must withdraw to give a chance for a settlement in that country.

In Paris, French President Francois Mitterrand paid his respects to Gemayel.

In Tel Aviv, Prime Minister Menachem Begin has sent a telegram of support to Pierre Gemayel, father of Bashir Gemayel. The telegram said: "I am shocked to the depths of my soul by the criminal assassination of Bashir, a great patriot and a courageous

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fighter for the freedom and independence of Lebanon.

Menachem Savidor, speaker of Israel's Knesset, said in San Juan, Porto Rico, that Gemayel "could change the whole situation" in Lebanon.

In Tehran, the Iranian government said the assassination of Gemayel was a good omen benefiting Muslims.

Blow
In breaking the news of Gemayel's death to the nation, a joint statement by the president, the prime minister and the parliament speaker paid tribute to Lebanon's "fallen martyr as a result of this heinous crime against Lebanon."

"This disastrous tragedy came to add to the prolonged agony of the nation a new catastrophe," the statement said. "We appeal to the people to be vigilant against the conspiracy to undermine afresh their national unity and threaten the sovereignty and independence of the home-

land."

Wazzan said in a separate statement Lebanon's Muslims were as grieved as Christians over Gemayel's death.

Thatcher to discuss future of Hong Kong

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AFP) — The future of Hong Kong on the edge of China, and possible investments in Britain, are expected to be at the center of talks British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will hold during visits to Japan, China and Hong Kong, for which she left Wednesday.

Officials here have so far refused all comment on the future status of Hong Kong, whose "new territories" Britain must relinquish in another 15 years, under a lease agreement dating from 1898.

To questions about Mrs. Thatcher's personal stand on the matter, the only answer has been that all comment would be improper ahead of her scheduled meetings with China's leadership. Last week, Mrs. Thatcher said that while in Peking, she would be representing "the interests and point of view of the population of Hong Kong." But no explanation was offered what exactly these terms implied.

She made her statement at lunch for a Hong Kong delegation, and for the Colony's new governor, Sir Edward Youde, who will accompany her to China from Sept. 22 to 26. The intention in both London and Peking evidently was to avoid giving publicity to ideas that could have an instant adverse effect on one of the capitalist world's major market places, as recently happened over a reference to Hong Kong in the amended Chinese constitution. China gets 40 percent of its foreign currency holdings from Hong Kong.

For both Britain and China, it is a case of "reassuring" the financiers and businessmen who have built up the wealth of the tiny territory, where 5.2 million people live squeezed into the 650 square kilometers of a colony which originated with British drug traffickers expelled by imperial China.

Today, everybody agrees that as Hong Kong, like any other capitalist country, is affected by a worldwide crisis, the prospect of an eventual change of status makes it particularly vulnerable. Banks will now only lend money for 14 years, instead of the customary 15, and some of the Hong Kong Chinese who make up the vast majority — there are only 22,000 British in the colony — are considering emigrating.

Mrs. Thatcher for her part has visibly no intention of seeking any showdown with Peking. China, among other considerations, constitutes a market of the first magnitude for British exports, worth — according to press reports — about 1,000 million pounds (\$2,000 million).

But Mrs. Thatcher will first arrive in Japan on Friday, on the first leg of her voyage, and her main concern there will be to persuade the Nissan Company to set up an auto assembly line in Britain.

Following her visit to China, Mrs. Thatcher will brief Hong Kong on Chinese intentions concerning the territory, and on her way home will meet Indian Premier Indira Gandhi in New Delhi on Sept. 29.

Labor candidate set for victory

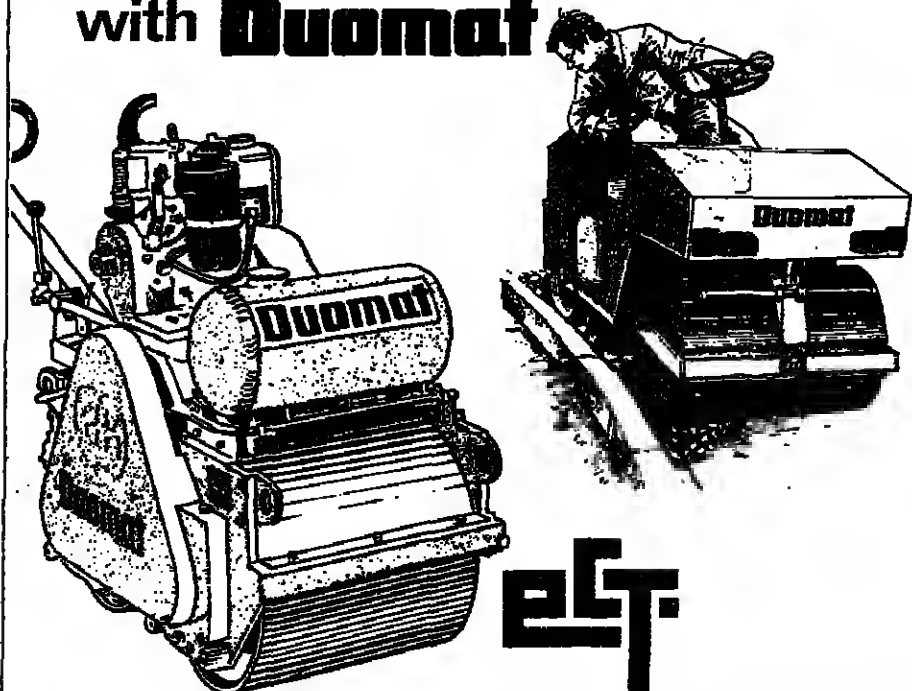
LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP) — Britain's opposition Labor Party, despite renewed internal troubles over Marxist members, looked headed for certain victory in a special parliamentary election Thursday in the economically depressed valleys of South Wales.

The ruling Conservative Party, carrying a stern message from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the evils of socialism, maintained, at least publicly, that its Eton-educated candidate can snatch the Welsh Socialist stronghold of Gower, Labor territory for 62 years. But analysts predicted the best that the Tory candidate, businessman Trefor Llewellyn, 35, can hope for is to sharply reduce Labor's 10,641-majority at the May 1979 general election which brought Mrs. Thatcher to power.

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